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Harada And Nishi Stand Firm

Will Not Budge From Statement

Shanghai, Dec. 21. Pressed by correspondents Major-General Harada and Lt. Col. Nishi refused to budge from the statement that Japanese army boats did not fire on the U.S.S. Panay, but admitted that they machine-gunned Chinese launches which were attempting to flee from the vicinity including the launch Lidah which they claimed to have captured and taken to Nanking.

They declared that the machine-gunning of the Panay was inconceivable because the Japanese had no enmity towards Americans, and pointed out that Japanese troops ashore tried to stop the Japanese planes from bombing by waving a flag.

They said the American wounded were so grateful that they gave these Japanese soldiers oranges, sweets and cigarettes. Lt. Col. Nishi left before the conference was finished and explained he was flying to Tokyo, presumably to make a detailed report to the War Office.

Major-General Harada declared that it has been definitely established that Colonel Kuroki Hashimoto, commanding the Japanese troops in the Wuhu area had no orders to fire on all ships on the Yangtze.

Asked re Colonel Hashimoto's statement to the Commander of H.M.S. Ladybird that he had such orders, General Harada said Col. Hashimoto, stating his instructions, omitted to mention "enemy." General Harada declined to reply whether Colonel Hashimoto was the same man who was involved in the Tokyo coup in February 1936.—British

Difficult Year Reviewed

URBAN COUNCIL MEETING

The last meeting of the Urban Council for the year was held yesterday afternoon. In a general review of the past twelve months, Mr. R. R. Todd (Chairman) mentioned the cholera epidemic which descended on Hong Kong in the summer, the disastrous typhoon of September 2 and the problems caused by the influx of refugees from the war-stricken zones.

Mr. Todd said:— "There is little doubt that the cholera was introduced from Canton at the end of July. It soon assumed epidemic proportions, the peak of the epidemic being reached at the end of August, after which there was a gradual decline until the end of November when the last case occurred. In all there were 1,690 cases, with 1,081 deaths, which represents a mortality of 64 per cent.

"The disastrous typhoon which struck Hong Kong in the early hours of September 2 exacted a further heavy toll, running into

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SIR CHARLES LITTLE INDISPOSED

Vice-Admiral L. G. E. Crabbe assumed temporary command of the China Station from yesterday vice Admiral Sir Charles Little who is indisposed.

Vice-Admiral Crabbe's flag was hoisted on H.M.S. Cumberland yesterday and Admiral Little's flag was transferred to H.M.S. Falmouth. Rear Admiral R. D. Holt has assumed temporary command of the Yangtze Flotilla.

(Admiral Sir Charles Little is only slightly indisposed and is resting in Admiralty House).

OUTER MONGOLIA

To Pledge Allegiance To China

Shanghai, Dec. 21. Much speculation is aroused by the report that Outer Mongolia will shortly announce "voluntary dissolution" of the Republic of Outer Mongolia and pledge allegiance, to China and join the war against Japan.—Reuter

Lost Divisions Show Up

CANTONESE TROOPS HAVE NARROW ESCAPE

Hankow, Dec. 21. Two Cantonese divisions commanded by Generals Teng Lung-kwan and Yeh Shao respectively, which defended the hills to the east of Nanking, and long given up as lost, have now arrived at Anhwei Province between Hsuan-chen and Hweichow, according to a dramatic account of their escape through Japanese lines, given over the long distance telephone to the Generalissimo's Headquarters late last night by General Yeh Shao.

The divisions, which were defending Paochuashan, east of Nanking were cut off on December 13, after the fall of Nanking. They hid in the hills in the daytime and marched at night and slowly found their way into Anhwei, via Tongshan, Wuhu and Hunan, fighting many engagements en route.—Reuter

SPANISH WAR NEWS

London, Dec. 21. To-day's engagements mark the seventh day of the Spanish Government drive on the Teruel front which is also claiming successes and stating that the insurgents lost forty per cent. of their troops. Artillery bombardments are helped by searchlights and it is reported that Government machine-gun posts are so placed that they could fire into the centre of the city. Three insurgent counter-attacks during the day were repulsed and it is reported that at the end of the day the ring around Teruel has tightened.—Reuter's Bulletin Service.

TOKYO FIRE

Tokyo, Dec. 21. More than eighty persons, mostly school children, perished in the fire last night at the village of Minamitomiya, Wakayama Prefecture, as they were watching a cinema performance of the hostilities in China.—Reuter

TRAGEDY OF CHINA'S WAR REFUGEES

How A City Handled The Problem

SELFLESS SERVICE OF MISSION WORKERS

BY ROBERT F. FITCH

Some complain that the Chinese do not do enough for themselves. Why then appeal for outside aid? In order to answer this question through my own personal experience, let me give a picture of one month's stay in the city of Hangchow, a city where it has been my privilege to reside for the past thirty years.

On the afternoon of October 23, just as I was leaving Shanghai on the "Hsin Peking," then bound for Ningpo, I received a call to become publicity secretary for "War Relief work for the National Christian Council of China."

In the five minutes left for making a decision, it came upon me as an almost overwhelming conviction that for me not to visit the scene of my former labours and see old Chinese friends and to experience with them something of the sadness and the terror of a city waiting to be destroyed by incendiary bombs would be unworthy of my former years of friendship and sense of loyalty to them.

There also came the thought that perhaps the intensity of such experience might better fit me later to enter upon the new and temporary work to which I was called.

During the following month, for it was on November 23 that I left Hangchow, the whole province, had been charged with dynamite subject to destruction on the possible entry of the Japanese.

REFUGEE RELIEF

The Chinese love their city as the Swiss love Switzerland. It is not only a city of homes, but one which had been further improved by the indefatigable efforts of its mayor, Z. Y. Chow. It has special cultural interests and organisations such as are not to be found in the more material life of Shanghai. It was at this time I decided to study the war conditions of Hangchow to see what the Chinese from their own initiative were doing for themselves.

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EXPLOSION

Tokyo, Dec. 21: An explosion in the centre of Tokyo caused three deaths and injury to five others. Men were working in an underground railway under construction when gas escaped from the main which set fire to ten houses nearby.—Reuter's Bulletin Service.

AMERICA'S THANKS

Hankow, Dec. 21. The American Ambassador, Mr. Nelson T. Johnson, has formally thanked the Chinese Government for "prompt and generous assistance" rendered to Panay survivors by the Chinese magistrates of Hohen and Hanshan.—Reuter

DORADO IN MISHAP

SAWing Damaged When Landing At Hanoi

We were informed yesterday evening that the R.M.A. Dorado sustained slight damage to her right-hand undercarriage, wheel and right lower wing when landing at Hanoi yesterday afternoon.

The Dorado was on a special flight to Hong Kong carrying freight which she was not able to bring on the usual flight owing to the Christmas mail.

The R.M.A. Delphinus is leaving Kai Tak this morning to pick up the freight from the Dorado, at Hanoi and if conditions are suitable she will return to Hong Kong to-day.

The Dorado will remain at Hanoi for two or three days for repairs, it is understood.

DEFENCE OF KWANGTUNG

Famous Generals Entrusted With Mobilisation

Canton, Dec. 21. In connection with the movement launched here, to mobilise all able-bodied men throughout Kwangtung to stand ready to resist any attempted invasion of the Province by Japanese forces, the mobilisation programme has been entrusted to the following: Generals Tsai Ting-kai and Chiang Kwang-ngai, former commanders of the now-defunct 19th Route Army, General Hsiang Han-ping, deputy-commander of the 4th Route Army, and Generals Li Fook-lum and Chen Chen-yu.—Central News.

DR. BABA DEAD

Tokyo, Dec. 21: The death has occurred of Dr. Baba, former Finance Minister in the Hirota Cabinet.—Reuter's Bulletin Service.

THE DOLLAR

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London Silver Market

(From Our Own Correspondent). London, Dec. 21. London silver prices to-day were up 1/8 for "Spot" and unchanged for "Forward," as follows:—

	Dec. 20.	Dec. 21.
18-7/8		18-7/8
18-9/16		18-9/16

INVASION OF SOUTH CHINA IS NEAR AT HAND

Japanese Transports Leave Shanghai

WAR WIDENING ON MORE SERIOUS SCALE

Shanghai, December 21: The threatened invasion of South China appears to be near at hand.

It is learned from usually authoritative sources that two Japanese transports have arrived at Bias Bay which for many years has been the lair of notorious pirates whose usual procedure was to travel as passengers then suddenly seize control of the ship and make for the Bay and there decamp with the booty and hostages.

If the Japanese succeed in landing at Bias Bay it is expected that they will try to fight their way to Canton, cradle of the Chinese revolution, where anti-Japanism has been especially acute.

The two transports are probably first of a large fleet for a number of troop-laden ships are known to have left Shanghai during the past week carrying soldiers who saw service on the Shanghai and Wushu fronts.

The Japanese are expected to rely largely on bombers operating from Formosa as well as aircraft carriers and Chinese islands off China now under Japanese occupation.

As to how well the Bias Bay region is defended it is difficult to say though according to some reports it is strongly fortified and manned by crack Cantonese troops

FOREIGN ORDERS FOR KRUPP

Essen, Dec. 21. The locomotive department of the Krupp Ironworks at Essen has received several big foreign orders. The Argentine State Railways have ordered ten steam locomotives with six-axle tenders; the Government of Iran has ordered 24 similar engines with four-axle tenders, and a further 23 are being built for the South African Railways and Harbours.—Transocean

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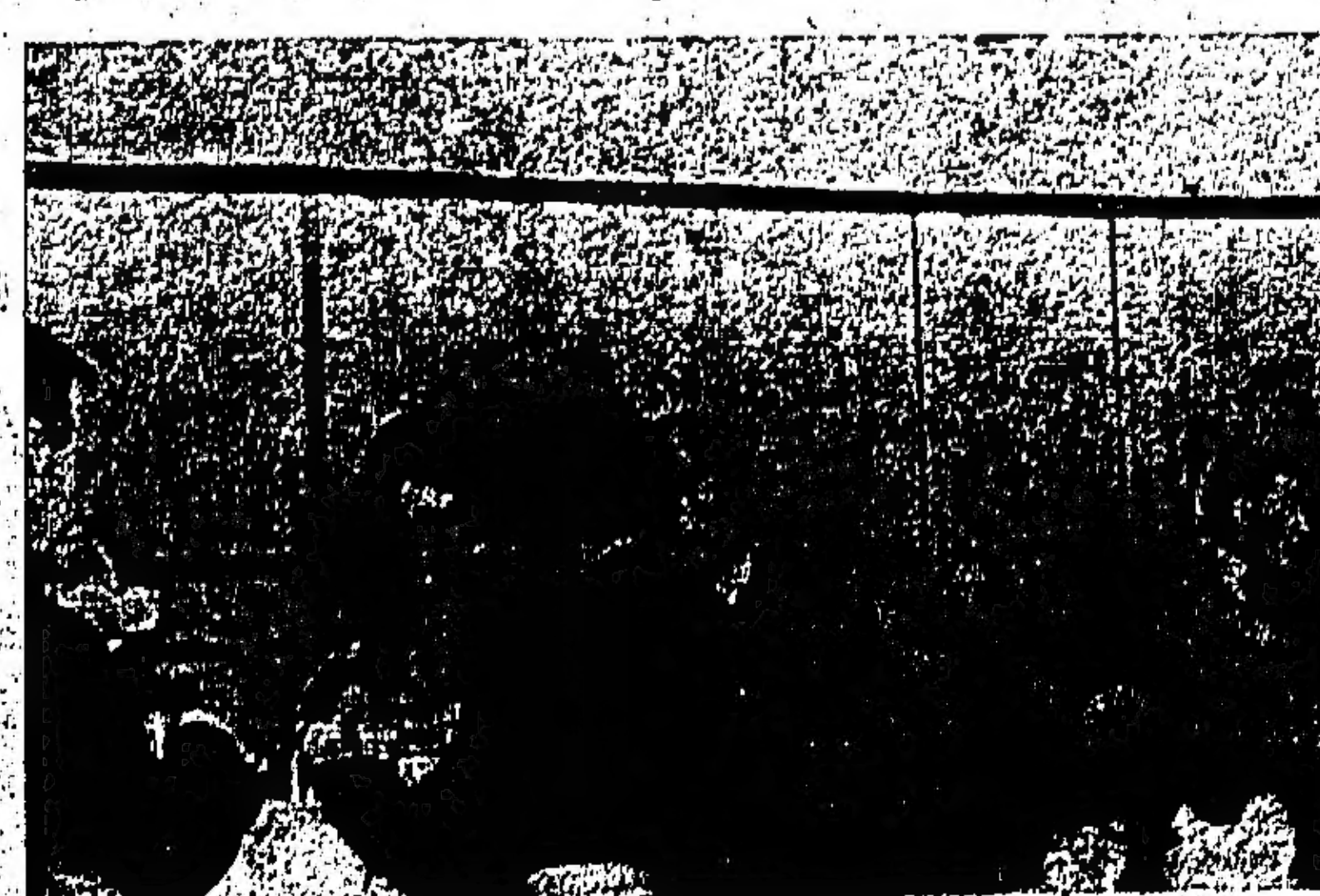
Eden's Statement In Commons

Rome, Dec. 21. The Italian press comments angrily on Mr. Eden's statement in the House of Commons regarding Italian anti-British propaganda in the Near East.

One paper states that Mr. Eden's statement consisted of excuses to conceal British bad feeling towards Italy. The "Popolo d'Italia" declared that the British are harbouring revenge on Italy over the Abyssinia episode.

"Vindictive is a pure English word and has been given to a British warship," says the paper.—Reuter's Bulletin Service.

PERSONALITIES AT THE VALLEY RACE MEETING



PANTOMIME A GREAT SUCCESS

'ROBINSON CRUSOE' Forsyth Scores As 'Popeye'

The Christmas pantomime "Robinson Crusoe" was presented by the European Y.M.C.A. Amateur Dramatic Club last night and was an outstanding success.

Based in the main on the ever popular story, the play was dramatised by J. D. MacLean and produced by A. C. Houghton.

A novel feature was the introduction of Robinson Crusoe's sweetheart, Rosemary, who accompanied the hero on his long sea voyage. The role was ably performed by Margaret McAlpine. The role of Robinson Crusoe was splendidly taken by Sheila Mackinlay. Their singing was charming.

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TRAGEDY OF CHINA'S WAR REFUGEES

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I found that the work of refugee relief was under the direction of the Central Government Relief Commission. First there was the provincial organization in the city under the auspices of which there were careful direction and audit of many sub-branches of various districts in Chekiang.

Its headquarters were in the memorial hall of Prince Chien, the founder of modern Hangchow. There was a large clerical staff under the supervision of a very able General Secretary.

WELL CLASSIFIED

The work for war refugees was well classified. There was a receiving agency to meet the irregular incoming trains, to carry away the wounded, to provide for the further free transportation of those who had homes further South and West in the country, to arrange passage by train, bus or boat and to give them enough money to buy food for their journey.

Those who had no relatives in the country were received into the city. The wounded refugees were sent to an adjunct of the Wang Villa on the Southern shores of the West Lake. Many women and children were sent to the Y.M.C.A. where hundreds could sleep on the floor of the gymnasium. In the Monastery of Manifest Congratulation I saw hundreds more of male refugees.

Among these were carpenters, masons, painters, smiths, in all representing about twenty-seven skilled trades. These men were given a chance to go out daily to secure a fair wage and bring their earnings to a local savings bank.

IN THE CAMP

Unskilled workers were trained in various sorts of manual labour, beginning with simple occupations suitable in war time such as making straw shoes, cotton vests, mats, towels, heavy straw mats for padding. Sewing of garments was also taught. Attached to the monastery were 11 mow of land in which the refugees cultivated vegetables. Not far from this place was another monastery entirely run by priests who carried stretchers to the wounded and did all relief work.

In these places educational classes were held for the children in the afternoons. In all there were six stations and up to the time of my visit fifteen thousand refugees had been passed on or cared for in the refugee station of Hangchow. These stations were all under the Government Relief Commission, getting government and public aid and meeting government requirements.

GENEROUS HELP

For this work by November 8, thirty thousand dollars and thirty thousand piculs of rice, had been given by the provincial government. Locally, two thousand dollars had been raised in cash and 8,709 suits of clothing had been contributed. In all these places there was an abundant supply of voluntary workers.

Under the direction of the military were numbers of hospitals, five of which I visited. At that time there were twenty thousand wounded soldiers in Chekiang and thirty thousand in Kiangsi. Hangchow then had ten thousand wounded soldiers, half of the provincial quota. In the monastery of Lin-yin (The Spirits Retreat) were two thousand soldiers cared for as well as could be expected with medical supplies and an operating room.

PROBING WOUND WITH TWEEZERS

Nevertheless, speaking of operations, I saw a lad of about sixteen with ordinary tweezers probing into a wounded leg of a soldier for a bullet, which he finally found and showed me. It was a good case for death by gangrene. Outside of Lin-yin simply because of an inadequate supply of cheap board beds balanced on struts, many of these wounded soldiers were sleeping on thin mats on earth floors.

NO RED CROSS

One of the best institutions visited was the Red Cross Hospital which had no Red Cross sign. My enquiry as to the reason elicited the reply that to have a Red Cross sign would invite bombing from aeroplanes. It is difficult to see the solution of this problem because the Japanese complaint that the Red Cross flag has been misused on a number of occasions by the Chinese can also be verified. In this Red Cross hospital there were 60 soldiers in each section. Each section had a doctor, head

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YOUNG CHINESE IN COURT

Serious Allegations

Preliminary proceedings in the committal case against Kwan Tong, alias Kwan Po, aged 20, accused of seriously wounding a young hawk named Lo Kam-yuen, were begun before Mr. R. Edwards at the Central Magistracy yesterday.

Outlining the facts, Detective-Inspector Rozesky said complainant was an assistant hawk residing in Stanley Street. At about 9.30 p.m. on November 27, he was squatting in Graham Street near the junction with Queen's Road, Central. It was alleged that defendant came from behind him and struck him over the head with a paper parcel. He ran into Des Voeux Road and attempted to throw the parcel over an awning into the Central Market site. The parcel fell back into the road and a hammer dropped out. Defendant was caught as he was getting into a westbound tram.

In hospital complainant was found to have a depressed fracture of the skull and at the time his condition was very serious.

When charged defendant said: "I had been chased by a number of people and I assaulted the complainant." On his person when he was searched was found a receipt for a hammer and two pieces of iron. Defendant was later partially identified by a woman stall-keeper as the person who had bought a hammer and two pieces of iron from her.

Medical evidence was given by Dr. P. F. S. Court, Medical Officer at Queen Mary Hospital, who said that the injury could have been caused by the hammer produced in Court. Complainant's life, when he was admitted to hospital, was in danger.

COMPLAINANT'S STORY

Lo Kam-yuen, complainant, said he was an assistant hawk at his father's stall, No. 16, in St. Ley Street. About a month or two ago he was reading some books in Pottinger Street with a friend named Leung Sam. Defendant was nearby and when Leung took out a packet of cigarettes and offered witness one, he asked for one. As he was a stranger Leung refused him and the defendant abused him. Witness intervened and said there was no reason why Leung should give him a cigarette as he did not know him. Words led to blows. The fight was broken up by the arrival of a Chinese detective. Witness and his friend remained on the spot and about ten minutes later the story-book hawk returned to witness to run away as defendant was coming with a hammer. Witness ran and turning, saw defendant standing with a hammer in his hand.

SUDDENLY ATTACKED

Continuing, he described the subsequent fracas and another occasion when defendant with six or seven others had set upon him and two friends in Yaumatei. Coming to the day of the alleged wounding, witness said he was squatting in Graham Street outside the Asia Barber Shop arranging some vegetables for a woman hawk. As he was squatting there he was suddenly struck over the head by someone with something heavy. He fainted away and knew nothing further till he came to in hospital. After further evidence had been taken, His Worship adjourned the case till to-morrow.

INCEST CHARGE

Alvaro Antonio de Souza Remedios, aged 32, chief accountant of the Ye Olde Printerie, Ltd., residing at No. 41, Waterloo Road, first floor, appeared on remand before Mr. K. Keen at the Kowloon Police Court yesterday on a charge of attempted incest. Defendant was alleged to have attempted carnal knowledge of his daughter, Emilia Maria Remedios between November 28 and December 5.

Mr. Botelho who appeared for the defence, requested the police to specify the date to which Detective Sub-Inspector Robert Cunningham replied that he would convey the request to the Attorney General and would act accordingly. He also asked for a further week's remand which was granted. Bail was fixed at \$1,000.

THEFT OF MILK

Ho Sam, aged 22, delivery coolie employed by the Dairy Farm Company was sentenced to two months' hard labour by Mr. R. Edwards at the Central Magistracy yesterday on a charge of stealing four bottles of milk from the Company.

DEATH SENTENCE AT THE SESSIONS

Found guilty of the murder of Tang Kam, alias Tang Yee-kam, married woman, Li Fuk-yue, unemployed villager of Tolshan, was sentenced to death by the Chief Justice, Sir Atholl MacGregor, at the Criminal Sessions yesterday.

It was alleged that three persons died as a result of arsenic being put in a family rice bowl on October 5, by prisoner.

Accused pleaded not guilty and the jury empanelled for the case were Messrs. R. Pestonji (Foreman), Chan Tak-chiu, S. M. All, G. A. Vas, Fung Suk-leung, Go Shing-kaim, Lam Kwok-tsol.

The prosecution was conducted by Mr. E. H. Williams, Assistant Attorney General, assisted by Mr. W. Shaftain, Assistant Director of Criminal Investigation, and Detective-Inspector A. E. Carey, whilst Mr. H. C. Macnamara, instructed by Mr. H. N. Chau, of Messrs. Johnson, Stokes and Master, represented the accused.

Evidence regarding the statement made by accused in answer to the charge was given by a Police interpreter who was followed by Lam Fan, who identified the body of Chan Kwal, one of the victims, as a fellow tenant.

Leung Lam, of No. 29 Apliu Street, ground floor, stated that accused resided with him during the end of August, and said the last time he saw accused was on the day of his arrest. He saw accused in Apliu Street, but accused was not living with him then.

Formal evidence of the conveying of several sealed jars from the Kowloon Mortuary and the Kwong Wah Hospital to the Government Analyst was given by three messengers.

FOOD POISONING

Dr. Fung, a medical practitioner, stated that he was called to No. 163 Tung Choi Street, first floor, about 11 a.m. on October 5. He saw there an old man named Li Leung-kwan, who complained of pains in the stomach and much vomiting. Witness had the impression the man was suffering from food poisoning. The old man's heart was very weak and witness gave him an injection. About a year ago witness had attended Li for kidney trouble, and after the treatment Li was much improved.

Dr. T. Z. Bau, medical superintendent of the Kwong Wah Hospital, testified that Tang Kam and Chan Kwal were admitted to the hospital about 11.05 a.m. on October 5. Tang complained of abdominal pains and vomiting and her pulse was weak. Witness suspected food poisoning and gave the appropriate treatment for it. The severity of the symptoms led witness to suspect arsenic poisoning. She became almost moribund and died at 11.30 p.m. on October 5. Chan Kwal and Li Leung-kwan also had the same symptoms and they died at 6.15 p.m. and 1.40 p.m. on October 5 respectively. The cause of death in all cases was gastric enteritis and heart failure, which were consistent with arsenic poisoning.

Cross-examined by Mr. Macnamara, witness said that the oxide of arsenic was white in colour and gritty in substance. It was soluble in water, particularly

boiling water. Mr. V. C. Branson, Government Analyst, told of the analysis he had made of the stomach wash-out intestines and other internal organs of Tang Kam, adding that the total amount of arsenic found was .34 grain. In similar examinations made on the organs of Li Leung-kwan, 4.8 grains of arsenic were found, and in Chan Kwal, there was 1.7 grains.

Witness also analysed a pot of cooked rice, and found 52 grains of arsenic in it. There was 11.7 grains in a bowl of cooked rice, one-tenth grain in some beef, and 1/130th grain in some bean sprouts. There was a total of 291 grains of arsenic found in the contents of three spittoons. An aluminium cooking pot contained two or three white crystals of arsenic amounting to one-third of a grain, while scrapings from accused's finger nails contained a very slight amount of arsenic as did a scrubbing brush.

Witness experimented with a piece of white arsenic, dissolving it in boiling water. In one fluid ounce of the solution, just over nine grains of arsenic were found. The solution was colourless and odourless. In cold water, arsenic might take days to dissolve. Red arsenic was not soluble in water. In his opinion, the victims had taken the poison in liquid form.

Dr. G. H. Henry, of the Kowloon Mortuary, declared that he performed a post mortem on the body of Tang Kam, and found the intestines inflamed, the spleen enlarged and the liver yellowish in colour. The only abnormal sign was gastric enteritis. All this was consistent with acute arsenic poisoning, and the cause of death, in his opinion, was heart failure following acute arsenic poisoning. He also examined the bodies of Chan Kwal and Li Leung-kwan, and found similar conditions. A fatal dose of arsenic was from two to three grains, and deceased must have taken more than a fatal dose.

Poon Wai, drug dealer, stated that his firm bought arsenic from the medicine dealers of Bonham Strand. They were bought in two forms, red and white rock, and were sold at 40 cents a catty. He only sold to doctors.

After accused's statement made at the Kowloon Magistracy during the preliminary hearing of the case, was read to the jury, the case for the Crown concluded.

After His Lordship had summed up, the jury retired for about half an hour, following which they returned a unanimous verdict of guilty.

HE WANTED PROTECTION

After hitting a person to whom he owed money on board his junk on Monday, Li Kan, 51-year-old fisherman rushed off to Shaikwan Police Station and asked for protection from his creditor. This ruse did not save him from being charged before Mr. R. A. D. Forrest at the Central Magistracy yesterday, when he was fined \$10 and ordered to pay \$5 compensation to complainant.



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A CHINESE PUZZLE?

There is a fairly wide impression among people in this country that to think of learning Chinese would be a task that is equivalent to looking for the proverbial needle in a haystack, but a recent report on the work of the Chinese branch of the School of Oriental Studies in London puts a much better face on a task which few Europeans take the trouble to tackle. The report quotes as an example of ignorance on this subject the recent statement, in the course of a letter to a London newspaper, "The people of China speak many hundred different dialects, and those that speak the common language of Mandarin form an infinitesimally small proportion of the total population." Actually, it appears that it is quite possible for a foreigner whose knowledge of Chinese is confined to northern "Mandarin" or Pekingese to travel through the whole length of China, from Manchuria in the extreme north to Yunnan in the south-west, with finding it necessary in any of the provinces through which he passes (each of them as large as a European State) to invoke the aid of an interpreter.

COMMERCE AND THE COAST

The legend about the altogether unmanageable multiplicity of Chinese dialects arose, it seems, from the earlier commercial contacts of Europeans with China. Nearly all the ports with which trade was permitted lay in the coastal regions of the South-west, which is precisely where the tangle of tongues and dialects is most marked, and where even the natives of one district are unable to make themselves understood by the natives of another.

Had the establishment of the first commercial contacts with China been able to penetrate inland they would have found that the linguistic fog lifted over a vast region wherein the same tongue, with slight variations, was spoken and understood, over whole provinces. And the report from the School of Oriental Studies not unnaturally begs the business men of to-day (and others) to cease regarding the Chinese tongue as a hopeless puzzle and to consider it rather as something that can be studied and mastered with interest and profit. —Manchester Guardian.

Cannibal Tribe Adopts British Explorer As Son

Woman Chief Who Speaks Fluent English

Dr. Donald Thomson, brilliant young British anthropologist and explorer, has solved a puzzle that for 13 years has intrigued the world—he has found a mystery English-speaking woman whom legend described as leader of a nomad killer-aborigine tribe in the Australian bush, writes a Home correspondent.

It was believed that the woman, sole survivor of the ill-fated Commonwealth survey ship, Douglas Mawson, lived somewhere in grim, uncharted Arnhem Land on the north-east coast of northern territory.

The Douglas Mawson had aboard an English woman and her 11-year-old daughter. When the ship foundered in Caledon Bay, Arnhem Land, in 1923, mother and daughter were held to have got ashore. The mother, it was stated, was murdered, but the daughter allowed to live.

AN AMAZON

Pearl's told of hearing of a woman who spoke English, and who was a leader of the spearmen on the coast.

Dr. Thomson has found that woman after a 15-month solitary trek in Arnhem Land. She does speak English fluently; she was blamed for most of the trouble on the coast.

But she is not English. She is called Clara, and of her Dr. Thomson says:

"She showed extraordinary courage and intelligence. She was abducted from her own tribe and brought to Caledon Bay, where she has been ever since."

THAT IS ALL THAT IS KNOWN OF HER.

ADOPTED BY TRIBE

Dr. Thomson is shortly sailing for England to see his parents, who live at Finchley, N. He went to Arnhem Land alone and unarmed, except for a shot-gun to provide food; as special patrol officer for the Commonwealth Government.

He is the only white man to have penetrated Arnhem Land. The natives, killers and haters of intruders, made him their blood brother, showed him the secret quarry where they still chip flints for spearheads, allowed him to photograph sacred ceremonies.

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SUPPORT FOR LOYALISTS

London, Dec. 20.

A demonstration in support of the Spanish Government was held in the Albert Hall to-day where £3,000 was collected for the Relief Fund.

Mr. Clement Attlee, Labour Opposition Leader in the House of Commons, who recently paid a visit to Spain, attacked those who in the House of Commons criticised his visit, and said there was a stream of propaganda in Britain directed against the Spanish Government.

He accused the Government of devotion to class warfare.—
Reuter.

PRESIDENT HOOVER WEATHERS GALE

San Francisco, Dec. 20.

Dollar Line officials have received a cablegram stating that the President Hoover weathered a severe gale.

The Captain and a crew of 20 are standing by. Salvage equipment has arrived and operations with begin as soon as the weather becomes favourable.—
Reuter.

HITLER WILL ATTEND FUNERAL OF GENERAL

Berlin, Dec. 20.

General Erich Ludendorff, famous German war-time commander, who died to-day, is being interred at Munich. Herr Adolf Hitler will attend the funeral.—
Reuter.

9 SUMMONSES AFTER CAT'S DEATH

Unusual proceedings in regard to a woman's pet cat came before Mr. Griffith-Jones at Marylebone police court and were adjourned.

There were nine summonses alleging that the cat had been stolen and "received," that a poisonous drug or substance had been wilfully administered to it, and that it had been maliciously killed.

The summonses were against two officials of Our Dumb Friend's League—Miss Cook, the superintendent, and Mrs. Munday, official collector of the Animal Shelter, Harrow-road, Paddington. The complainant is Adeline Bourne, of Blomfield-road, Malda Vale. Miss Cook was accused of being concerned in all the offences except the one of stealing the cat.

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British Wireless.

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AMERICA TAKES STOCK

Panay Incident Causes
Foreign Policy
Examination

Washington, Dec. 20.

Mr. Cordell Hull, the Secretary for State, said to-day that the Government had long expected to withdraw American ships and citizens from the Far East "when their appropriate functions are no longer called for," but "the present does not seem an opportune moment."

Mr. Hull added that the degree of protection a Government should afford its citizens abroad presented many difficulties, and resulted in many conflicts in opinion.

Pointing out that during a century certain rights and interests had developed in the Far East, Mr. Hull said the American Government could not suddenly disavow its obligations and responsibilities.

The State Secretary declared that the situation arising from the Panay incident could not be settled for some days as the United States Naval Board of Enquiry was making a fully detailed report which probably would not be handed to the Washington authorities for several days.

Authoritative circles are of the opinion that Japan will not reply to the American Note until the Naval Board has completed its enquiry as the American Government, on the basis of the Board's report, might wish to implement the representations already made.—
Reuter.

BLOODSHED IN THE TERUEL FRONT

St. Jean de Luz, Dec. 21.

Teruel is still holding out against the Government attacks, but fighting with great bloodshed is in progress in the towns on the outskirts of the city.

A blinding snowstorm is impeding the work of the Government artillery.—
Reuter.

TSINGTAO DAMAGE ENRAGES JAPAN

Retaliative Measures
Demanded

Tokyo, Dec. 21.

Drastic punishment of the Chinese who set fire to Japanese cotton mills in Tsingtao is demanded by Mr. Shojiro Otaka, Consul-General at Tsingtao, who evacuated the port with 300 Japanese residents and officials on August 30.

The Consul declared: "The news is that such a situation has been brought about by Chinese, and there is no alternative for Japan but to resort to decisive measures. According to latest reports received by me, constables who had been engaged to protect the Japanese mill areas were replaced by riotous guards who prepared explosions after looting the mills of valuable spindles, which were transported to the interior on the Tsingtao-Tsinan airway."—
Reuter.

CLOSE WATCH KEPT

Tokyo, Dec. 21.

Concerned over the destruction of Japanese cotton mills in Tsingtao and the resultant unrest there, the Japanese Government is keeping close watch on the situation according to press reports, which add that if the fire were caused by Chinese acting on the instructions of Generalissimo Chiang Kai-shek, this wanton action apparently reflects the realisation of a policy of co-operation between the Comintern and the Chinese Government.—
Reuter.

FORMER JAPANESE MINISTER DIES

Tokyo, Dec. 21: Eight days after resigning his post as Home Minister owing to reasons of ill health, Dr. Eiichi Baba died to-day at the age of 55. Dr. Baba was prominent as Finance Minister in the Hirota Cabinet, when he instituted reforms in the system of taxation and brought into being a "cheap money" policy, thereby falling in line with the policies of European countries. He was succeeded as Home Minister by Admiral Nobusama Kato.—
Reuter.

GIFT TO BRITISH MUSEUM

London, Dec. 20: Lord Baldwin, former Prime Minister of Britain, has presented Kipling's "Recessional" to the British Museum. The manuscript of the late Sir James Barrie's "Leaves from Peter Pan and Wendie" were auctioned in London to-day.—
Reuter's Bulletin Service.

"OGPU" CELEBRATES 21ST ANNIVERSARY

Moscow, Dec. 20: The Soviet secret police, "OGPU" celebrated its 21st anniversary to-day. Greetings were sent from Chief Commissariats throughout the country to the "OGPU" which is described as the punishing hand for the Soviet people. Ten thousand prisoners were released as a reward for their work in laying a double track of the Trans-Siberian Railway from east of Lake Balkal to the Amur River. The newly elected Soviet Parliament will have its first sitting on January 12, 1937.—
Reuter's Bulletin Service.

NEW BRITISH CRUISERS

London, Dec. 20.

It was announced in Commons that an order for one 8,000-ton cruiser is being placed with each of the following firms: Swan Hunter and Wigham Richardson, Wallsend-on-Tyne; John Brown, Clydebank; A. Stephen and Sons and Vickers-Armstrong who will build the vessel at their High Walker yard. The Minister for Defence explained that the ships represented the conclusion of the 1937 programme, and he assured Mr. Churchill they were certainly equal of contemporary vessels being built in other countries.—
British Wireless.

ROYALTY AT LATIN PLAY

London, Dec. 20.

The King and Queen to-night attended the performance of a Latin play by scholars of Westminster School. A Latin play is



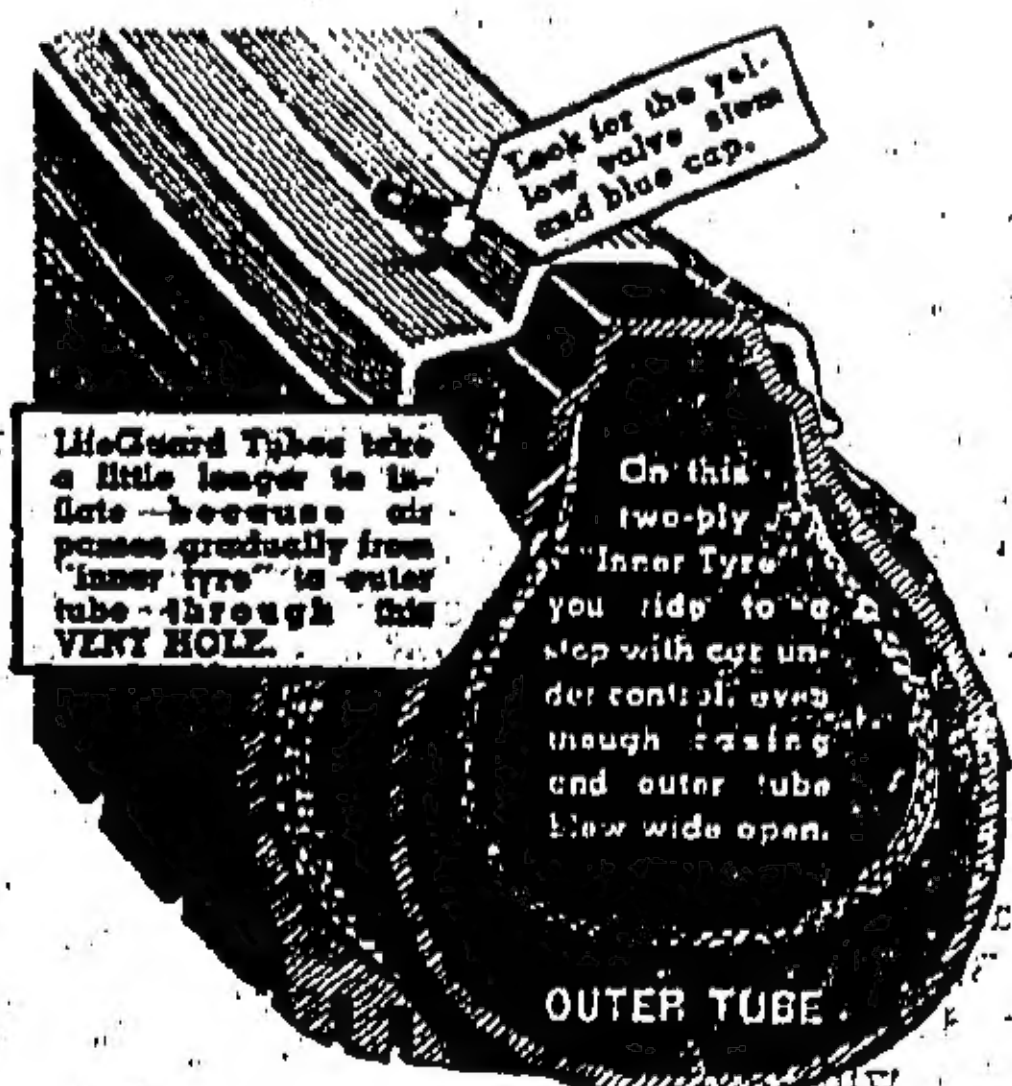
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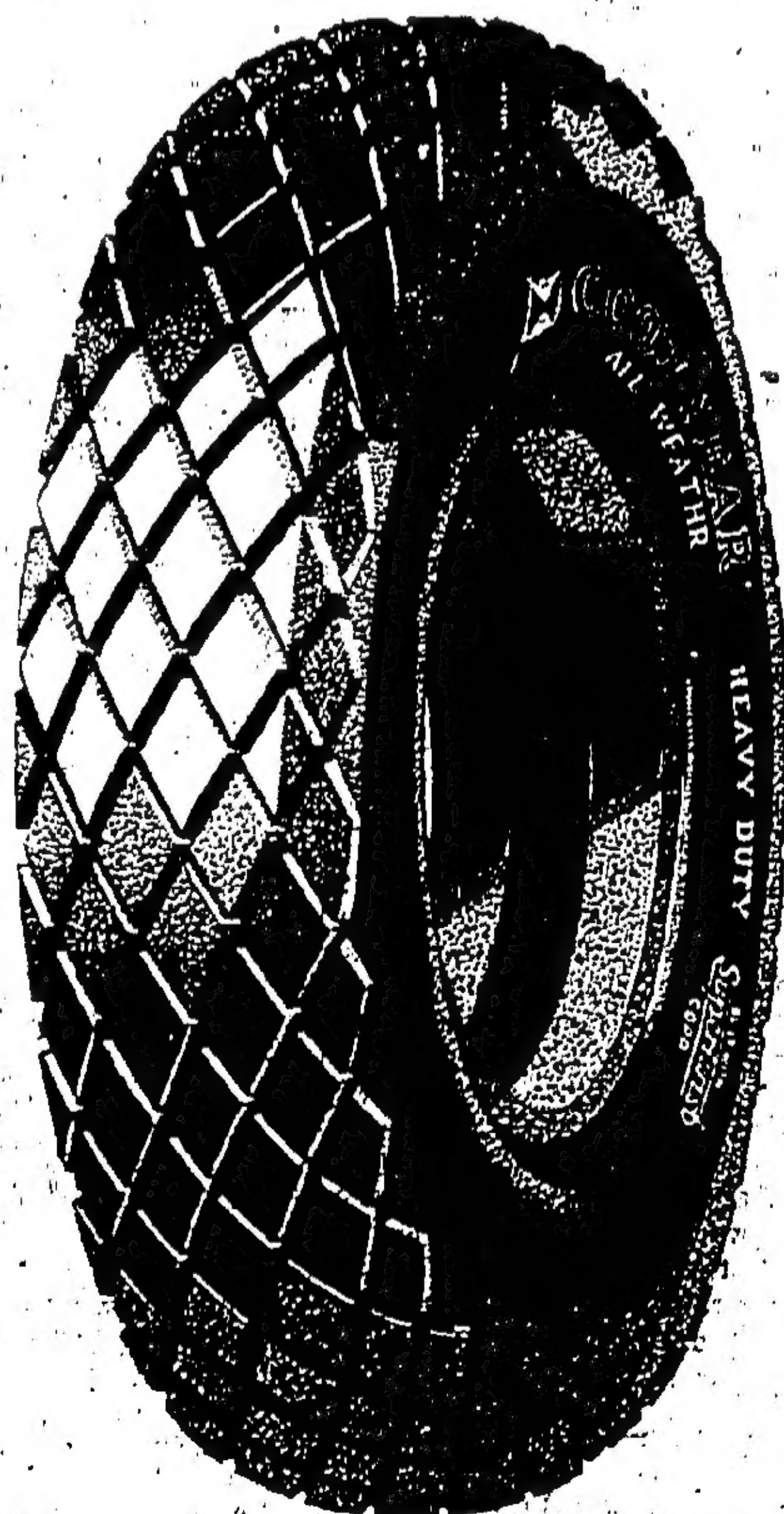
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12 noon to 12.20 p.m. Relay of Special Service from St. John's Cathedral.

12.30 p.m. Gilbert and Sullivan Excerpts.

"The Pirates of Penzance"—Now For The Pirates' Lair; When You Had Left Our Pirate Fold. Away, Away! My Heart's On Fire. Dorothy Gill, Derek Old and Peter Dawson. All Is Prepared! Stay, Fredric, Stay!—Elsie Griffin and Derek Oldham.

"Trial By Jury"—Hark, the Hour of Ten is Sounding.—George Baker and Chorus. Is This the Court of the Exchequer?—Derek Oldham and Chorus. When First My Old Love.—Derek Oldham, George Baker and Chorus. All Hail Great Judge.—Chorus.

12.45 p.m. Roy Fox and His Orchestra.

Fox-Trots—Can I Forget You; The Folks Who Live On The Hill (film "High, Wide and Handsome"). Slow Fox-Trot—Sweet Lullaby (film "Walkie Wedding"). Fox-Trot—Love and Learn (film "That Girl from Paris").

1 p.m. Local Time Signal and Weather Report.

1.03 p.m. London Piano-Accordion Band and Cicely Courtneidge (Comedienne).

Six Hit Medley No. 1.—Piano-Accordion Band. Humpty Dumpty (Ray). The Sunshine Cruise (McLaren, Hulbert and Ray). Things Are Looking Up (from the film). Cicely Courtneidge. The Whistling Waltz (film "Lullaby"). Maid of Brazil (Le Roy and Marsden). Hawaiian Paradise (Owens). Dream Time (Davis and Cotts). Piano-Accordion Band.

1.30 p.m. Reuter and Rugby Press.

Local Weather Forecast and Announcements.

1.40 p.m. Variety.

Piano—"Floodlight"—Medley: A Little White Room ("Floodlight"). Beverly Nichols.—Vivian Ellis. Vocal Duet—Chinaman (Schroder-Beckmann). Dancin' Into Heaven With You (Schroder-Beckmann). Lillian Harvey and Willy Fritsch. Orchestra—Swingitis (Norman). Swing As It Comes (Gardner). Bert Firman's Quintuplets of Swing. Organ—Irish Medley—Reginald Dixon. Orchestra—"Crest of the Wave"—Selection (Novello, arr. Prentice). The Drury Lane Theatre Orchestra conducted by Charles Prentice.

2.15 p.m. Close down.

4 to 7 p.m. Chinese Programme.

7 p.m. Dance Music.

Fox-Trots—Midnight Blue; I Wasn't Lying When I Said I Love You.—Roy Smeck and His Hawaiian Serenaders. Slow Fox-Trot—Where Are You? (film "Top of the Town"). Swing Step—You Showed We The Way.—Victor Silvester and His Ballroom Orch. Fox-Trots—Mystery Pacific; You're Driving Me Crazy.—Quintette of the Hot Club of France. Tangos—Jingle Bells; Twilight.—E. Bohr's Argentine Tango Orchestra. Fox-Trots—This Year's Kisses; I've Got My Love To Keep Me Warm (film "On the Avenue").—Roy Fox and His Orchestra.

7.30 p.m. Closing local Stock Quotations and Hong Kong Exchange Market Report.

7.35 p.m. Variety.

Vocal—Ella Jane Terriss and Seymour Hicks. Medley.—Ella Jane Terriss and Seymour Hicks. Humorous Monologue—The Beefeater (Weston and Lee).—Stanley Holloway. Vocal—You Mean The World To Me (Operetta "The Singing Dream"). My Beautiful Dream (Rotter-Tauber).—Joseph Schmidt (Tenor).—Joseph Schmidt (Tenor). Orchestra—Six-Eight Medley.—Harry Roy and his Orchestra.

8 p.m. Local Time Signal, Weather Report and Announcements.

8.03 p.m. Studio—Doreen Ma (Vocal and Piano) and H. L. Ozorio (Piano).

1. Satan takes a Holiday.—H. L. Ozorio (Piano); 2. Sweet Heartache—Doreen Ma (Vocal) accomp. by H. L. Ozorio; 3. Honeysuckle Rose.—Doreen Ma and H. L. Ozorio (Two Planos); 4. Exactly, Like you.—Doreen Ma (Vocal) accomp. by H. L. Ozorio; 5. In Your Quiet Way.—H. L. Ozorio; 6. So Many Memories.—Doreen Ma accomp. by H. L. Ozorio; 7. Tea for Two.—Two Planos; 8. Stardust on the Moon.—Doreen Ma accomp. by H. L. Ozorio. 8.30 p.m. Variety.

Violin—African Serenade (Bou-langer). African Vision (Bou-langer).—George Boulanger. Orchestra—Poor Butterfly (Golden and Hubbell). Sweet Sue, Just You

(Harris and Young).—The Dixie Devils. Orchestra—The Vallee Medley.—Rudy Vallee and His Connecticut Yankees.

8.50 p.m. Studio—Series of talks "Amateur Experts."

9 p.m. Light Orchestra with Tino Rossi (Tenor).

Lehar Waltz Potpourri (arr. Robrecht).—Orchestra. Mascotte Pourquol Quand Je Te Dis: Je T'Aime (Bobby and Lasso-Valerio). Vous Qu'Avez-Vous Fait De Mon Amour? (Varna, Marc-Cab and Barez).—Tino Rossi. Notte Sul Mare, Barcarolle (Valente); Vesuviana, Tarantella (Marchetti).—Orchestra. Napolitain. La Serenade A Lena (Scott, Marc-Cab and Varna). Un Violon Dans La Nuit (Elixo, Marc-Cab and Varna).—Tino Rossi. Serenade—Valse Espagnole (Metra); De Picpus Au Palais D'Angkor.—Fox-Intermezzo (Marceau).—Orchestra Ruby Goldstein.

9.30 p.m. London Relay—The News.

9.50 p.m. Band of H.M. Coldstream Guards.

"Les Cloches De Corneville"—Selection (Planquette). "Geisha"—Selection (Jones). "Belle of New York"—Selection (Kerker). "The Mikado"—Selection (Sullivan).

10.15 p.m. London Relay—Music-Hall including Bennett and Williams, two Jovial Boys with their Phonodiddie. Billy Bennett "Almost a Gentleman". Wee Georgie Wood, the Peter Pan of Vaudeville with The BBC Variety Orchestra conducted by Charles Shadwell.

11.15 p.m. Close down.

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4.15 p.m.—Big Ben "Scrapbook for 1913". A new edition of the first programme in the "Scrapbook"

series, broadcast from London on December 11, 1933. 5.15 p.m.—"Gower Reel." Forty songs a side and no instrument playing. Phil Tanner, From the King Arthur Hotel, Reynoldston, Gower. 5.35 p.m.—The News and Announcements. 5.55 p.m.—World Affairs. A talk by H. Wickham Steed. 6.10 p.m.—Instrumental Variety. 6.25 p.m.—Close down.

AUSTRALIA

12.35 p.m. "At Home and Abroad"

—The Watchman. 12.50 p.m. Musical Interlude. 1 p.m. Time Signal. Victorian News Bulletin.

1.05 p.m. Interstate Weather Notes, etc. 1.15 p.m. Stock Exchange Report. 1.20 p.m. Luncheon Music.

2 p.m. Afternoon Musical Programme. During the afternoon, results of the Cranbourne Races will be given as they come to hand.

5 p.m. Close. 6.30 p.m. Chimes. Fifteen Minutes of Popular Music.

6.45 p.m. Sporting News and Notes. 7 p.m. Talk—"Tales of New Guinea." by Jack Hindes. 7.20 p.m. National News Bulletin. 7.30 p.m. Queensland and North Australian News Bulletin. 7.40 p.m. News, Markets and Weather for North Australia. 8 p.m. The National Military Band—Conductor, Stephen Yorke. 8.30 Travel Letter from Denzil Batchelor. 9.40 p.m. Summer Orchestra Hour. 9.45 p.m. Talk by Baron Von Cramm. German Davis Cup player. 10 p.m. Piano Recital by Roy Agnew, of his own compositions. 10.20 p.m. Interlude. 10.30 p.m. Australasian News Service. 10.55 p.m. Recorded Feature. 11.30 p.m. Close.

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THREE YEARS FOR "THE COUNT"

Prepossessing Burglar

Robert King, 30, motor salesman, said to be known in the underworld as "The Count" because of his prepossessing manner and appearance, was sentenced to three years' penal servitude at Middlesex Sessions recently.

He and John Tilley, 30, decorator, who received a similar sentence, pleaded guilty to being in possession of housebreaking implements by night. A detective described the men as "dangerous criminals."

It was stated that King was driven in the back of a car by Tilley, who was dressed as a chauffeur. Police, who knew the men, followed the car to the Great West road, and there Tilley opened the car door for King to get out. King went to the side door of some premises.

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When King returned Tilley drove the car away at from 65 to 70 miles an hour, with the police in pursuit. They were caught after reaching traffic. Two pairs of gloves, two torces and five pieces of celluloid, used for housebreaking, were found in the car.

Mr. du Cann, for the defence, mentioned that before the Coronation Tilley was engaged on work at the Guildhall, where he was now being tried.

Sir Reginald Coventry, deputy chairman: He is a decorator by day and a burglar by night?

Mr. du Cann replied that Tilley said he had never been a burglar, only a housebreaker. He only broke into houses which were unoccupied.

Mr. du Cann said that King denied that he was known as "The Count." It may be, he said, that, because of his gentlemanly manner, he was looked upon as more gentlemanly than the average member of the underworld. He was of a most prepossessing character.

PARIS

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7 a.m. Radio-Journal of France (French News). 7.20 a.m. Gramophone Records. 8.15 Talk on French Events. 8.30 a.m. Leading Press Articles. 8.45 a.m. Gramophone Records. 9 a.m. News in French. 9.30 a.m. Gramophone Records. 9.40 a.m. News in English. 9.50 a.m. News in Italian. 10 a.m. Close Down.

Wavelength: 19.63 m.—15.243 Kc.

11 a.m. Gramophone Records. 11.45 a.m. Talk on Current French Events (In Russian). 12 noon. News in English. 12.15 p.m. Concert Relayed from Nice. 12.45 p.m. Talk on French Events. 1 p.m. Concert Relayed from Paris-P.T.T. 1.30 p.m. News in French. Colonial Market Prices. 2 p.m. Economic and Social Talk by Mr. William Oualid. 2.10 p.m. Theatrical Talk by Mr. Pierre Scize. 2.20 p.m. Gramophone Records. 2.30 p.m. Symphonic Concert; Mr. Alban Perring (Violin); 3.55 p.m. Rates of Exchange and French Stock (Renties). 4 p.m. Close Down.

Wavelength: 25.24 m.—11.885 Kc.

5.15 p.m. News in French. Market Prices. Rates of Exchange. 5.45 p.m. News in Arabic. 6 p.m. Concert Relayed from Lille. 6.30 p.m. Concert Relayed from Paris-P.T.T. 6.50 p.m. Who's Who To-day by Mr. F. Pottecher. 7 p.m. Relay of Radio-Journal of France (French News). 7.30 p.m. News in French. Rates of Exchange. 8.10 p.m. News in English. 8.20 p.m. News in Italian. 8.30 p.m. Relay. 10.30 p.m. Colonial Market Prices. 10.45 p.m. News in Portuguese. 11 p.m. Close Down.

Wavelength: 25.60 m.—11.720 Kc.

11.15 p.m. Gramophone Records. 12.15 a.m. News in French. Market Prices. Rates of Exchange. 12.40 a.m. News in Spanish. 12.50 a.m. News in Portuguese. 1 a.m. Gramophone Records. 1.15 a.m. Close Down. 3 a.m. Gramophone Records. 4 a.m. News in French. Market Prices. Rates of Exchange. 4.30 a.m. English. 4.45 Gramophone Records. 5.45 a.m. News in German. 6 a.m. Close Down.

BLACK MAN'S BURDEN

I Rise: The Life Story of a Negro. By Rollo Ahmed. (John Long. 12s. 6d.)

We are told that this book, aptly dedicated to Mr. Paul Robeson, is not to be read as autobiography. But it is impossible to doubt its wealth of first-hand knowledge and experience.

The author is a negro of West Indian descent, who has written a passionate plea for understanding and unity of life between the African and European peoples. To do this he has told the more or less fictitious story of Caleb Buller, in the earlier chapters a negro boy in British Guiana, and, later, a man in England, meeting all the hardships and suffering due to racial division and hostility.

The opening scenes in Georgetown, Demerara, are vividly described. Rollo Ahmed does not idealise or whitewash the negro. He is frank about his childish weaknesses, his crude superstitions, his vices, often encouraged and exploited by white contacts and interests. At the same time he makes no bitter attack on the whites, but sees their weaknesses and vices too. The little Caleb grows up; he is befriended by a kind-hearted white family who have been slave owners in the past. He knows that his association can be, at the best, servile. Always he longs for freedom and equality. His beloved Mammy is killed in a street accident; his careless father is away at sea.

The boy grows up alone. He is a British subject, so he must go to England. But Liverpool and England are not kind. He is a negro; England calls him a "nigger." Still he struggles through all the fifth and vice of a seaport.

Poverty and race-prejudice almost conquer, but he is strong and rises again and again. He meets a white woman; the two fall irresistibly in love, and there follow all the difficulties and tragedies of a mixed marriage. But Caleb and his wife hold fast in a joint hope for a new world in which all men and women will be accepted as brothers and sisters.

This striking work is no dull piece of special pleading. It is a tale which, particularly in the earlier scenes, carries the reader's interest with dramatic force. Coincidence is too frequent, but sincerity and a natural gift to create living scenes have produced a book which should stir many minds which may have ignored one of the most urgent problems in the modern world—"Daily Telegraph."

Sea Monster Seen By Devon Angler

"Face Like A Camel's"

Mr. Harold Groves, head gardener to Mr. Cyril Maude, of Redlap, Dartmouth, the actor, described recently how he saw "a sea monster with the face of a camel" in Start Bay.

"I was fishing in Redlap Cove in the evening," he said, "when, looking out to sea, I saw about 50 yards away a creature swimming in the water. It had three humps and there was at least 12ft of its body above the surface."

"I pulled up my fishing gear to climb to the cliff top for a better view, but when I raised my head again I was startled to see right in front of me the head of the monster."

"The monster had a face like a camel's. The head was about 2ft long. A tuft of hair on the top of the skull was quite thick. Otherwise the head was entirely hairless and the skin almost white. It had large, unblinking eyes, bigger than golf balls, and it was really uncanny the way it stared at me."

Mr. Cyril Maude did not see the monster, but his comment was: "My gardener has had a lot of experience of the sea. I am certain he did see the thing he has described to you."

ROTARY TREAT FOR POOR CHILDREN

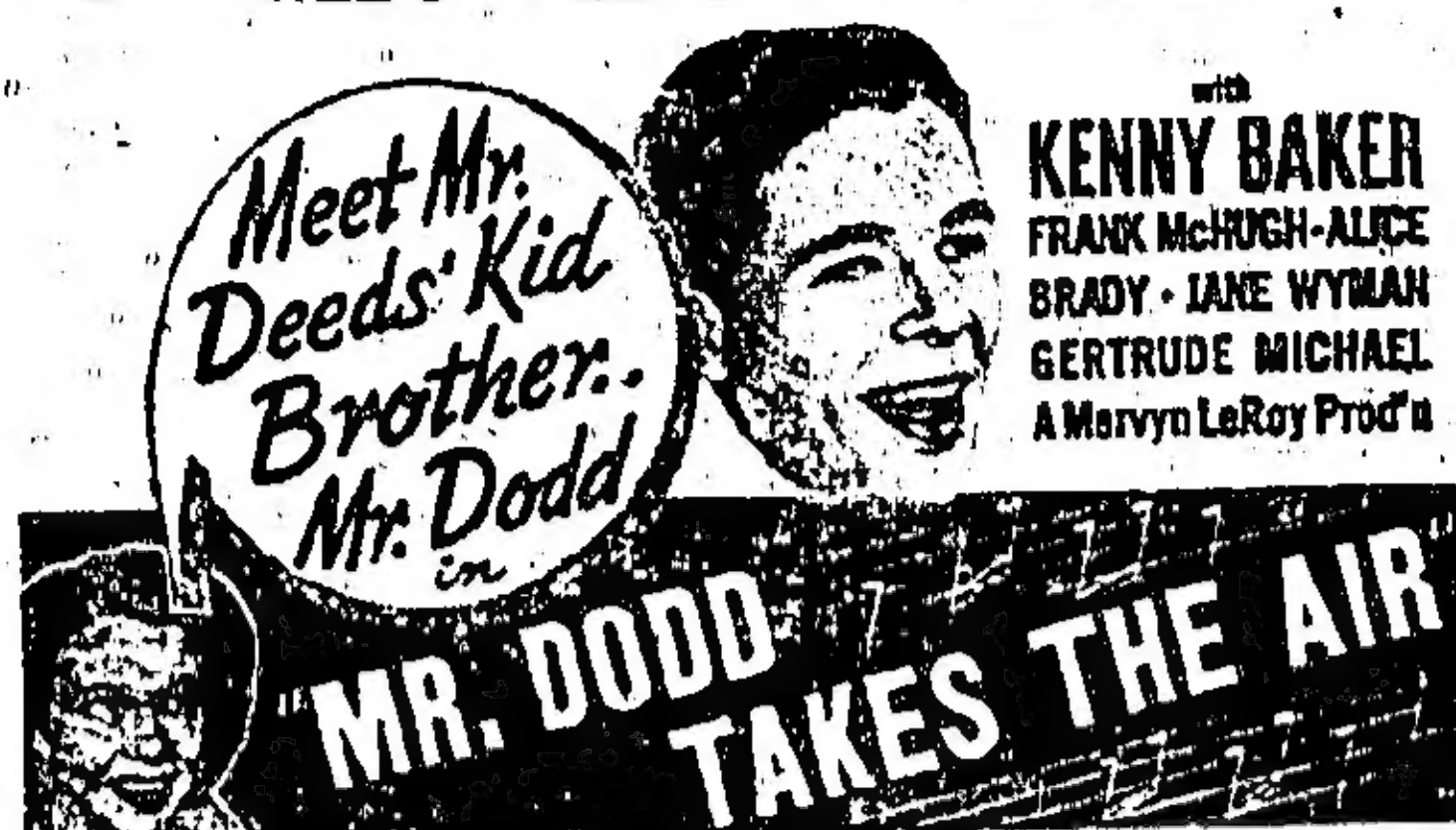
As in previous years, again this year the Singapore Rotary Club have planned a party for poor children of this city and 1,200 invitations have been issued.

By the kindness of the proprietors of the New World Amusement Park, the New World together with the side shows has been loaned free of charge for the occasion and Messrs. Shaw Bros. have generously arranged to give a suitable cinema show during the afternoon.

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IDOL OF THE CROWDS

Brilliant with the pace of a fast game of ice hockey, Universal's "Idol of the Crowds," featuring John Wayne and Sheila Bromley, which has its run at the Alhambra Theatre to-day is exciting and diverting film fare.

"Idol of the Crowds" is thrilling from beginning to end. The highlight of the picture reveals two evenly matched ice hockey teams battling in the rink at Madison Square Garden.

Highly volatile with dramatic situations, "Idol of the Crowds"

moves so rapidly the climax is reached long before the audience is ready for the end.

"Idol of the Crowds" was filmed largely at a huge roller skating pavilion and a famous ice hockey rink in California. This enabled Harry Newmann, ace cameraman, to obtain countless fine shots of the players and the roaring crowds.

Jane Johns, the San Francisco singing dancer, has an important role. Other members of the cast include Huntley Gordon, Frank Otto, Russell Hopton, George Lloyd and Virginia Brissac.

TO-DAY AT THE CINEMA

Hong Kong

KING'S:—
"Love Begins At 20"
QUEEN'S:—
"Mr. Dodd Takes The Air"
ORIENTAL:—
"Treasure Island"

Kowloon

ALHAMBRA:—
"Idol Of The Crowd"
STAR:—
"A Successful Calamity"
MAJESTIC:—
"I Promise To Pay"

Coming

KING'S:—
"All Baba Goes To Town"
QUEEN'S:—
"Varsity Show"
ORIENTAL:—
"Captain's Courageous"
ALHAMBRA:—
"The Man Who Cried Wolf"
STAR:—
"A Midsummer Night's Dream"
MAJESTIC:—
"Suzy"

LOVE BEGINS AT 20

One of the liveliest romances of the year is being shown at the King's Theatre to-day for the first time locally. It is entitled "Love Begins at Twenty."

The ridiculous antics of Hugh Herbert, Hobart Cavanaugh and the other comedians in the cast are extremely funny, while Warren Hull and Patricia Ellis furnish the romantic episodes that keep the younger element of the audience's eyes with interest.

Not that it is all romance and comedy, however, for there are plenty of thrills in the picture when a band of bank bandits go on a rampage and attempt to shoot up the town. It remains for the lovers to capture the desperadoes in one of the most unique situations imaginable.

I PROMISE TO PAY

Columbia's timely drama, "I Promise To Pay," the smashing story of one man's fearless war against the loan shark racketeers, will be the new screen attraction at the Majestic Theatre starting to-day. Featured in the cast are Chester Morris, Helen Mack, Leo Carrillo and Thomas Mitchell.

Eddie Lang, carefree young clerk, played by Morris, expects a bonus from his employers shortly and wanting to take his wife, Mary, played by Miss Mack and their youngsters on a vacation, he borrows money from an agent of the loan shark racket boss. Upon their return, the bonus is not forthcoming and Eddie plans to pay off his debt in small weekly amounts from his salary. The racketeers, however, do not agree with this plan and Eddie is waylaid and stripped of most of his weekly earnings.

The climax is crammed with surprises and thrills, the picture ending on a happy note with justice being done and peace coming at last to Eddie and his family.

The supporting cast includes Patsy O'Connor, John Gallaudet and Thurston Hall. The film was directed by D. Ross Lederman from the screen play of Mary C. McCall, Jr. and Lionel Houser.

NATURAL HAIR FOR MOVIES

Somewhere in Europe, scattered over the central countries, approximately 900 peasant women of the strongest possible stock are at work growing and harvesting natural hair for motion picture wigs.

In many instances this product of their heads—a crowning joy to American girls and bread and butter to the European peasants—brings a net profit sometimes greater than the yield of their farms. An average yield of heavy healthy hair earns between \$30 and \$75 per head, with an unlimited market for its sale.

Bob Stephano, make-up chief for Samuel Goldwyn, had occasion to discuss this hair harvest when he had to rent and buy some 600-odd wigs and other hairdo adornments for the 950 extras used in mob scenes of "The Adventures of Marco Polo." Gary Cooper's new starring picture.

These wigs, by strict regulation, are made of natural hair. Their value ranges from \$100 up, each. This is the minimum price set on hair pieces for general use. Those which adorn the stars sometimes run as high as \$1,000.

Stephano says best hair comes from the European peasants, for the reason that these people come from virile stock. Their hair is extremely healthy because it escapes the constant heat treatments, marcel and wavings to which American women subject their hair.

According to the Goldwyn expert, American hair buyers collect their harvest at least once a year and, in some cases, contract especially fine specimens for their yearly product. Most sought after are the natural blondes of the Scandinavian countries whose tresses might bring as high as \$250 to \$300, the price varying with the length, weight and texture of the hair.

When this hair finds its way to Hollywood it is made into wigs matting, thus requiring from 20,000 to 30,000 operations before a good grade hair piece is completed. Most wig makers take from two to three weeks to finish a piece from scratch.

Because of the character and number of the extras used in the scenes for "The Adventures of Marco Polo," no new wigs were required. Most were character wigs, hair pieces that had been through many previous picture wars, but their intrinsic value was still in excess of \$100 each.

Stephano explains that wigs especially for the stars cost at least \$500.

KENNY BAKER ON THE SCREEN

Kenny Baker, whom every radio fan knows and likes, makes his screen debut as a full-fledged movie star at the Queen's theatre to-day.

He appears in the title role in "Mr. Dodd Takes the Air," a story which, appropriately enough, deals with a radio singer of Kenny's own type.

The young crooner has a meaty role as a small-town electrician who suddenly finds himself a famous radio star—all because of a throat operation. It is said by those who have seen the previews, that Baker makes the most of the role, and is a refreshing new screen character.

NEWS FROM FILMLAND

Travellers returning from Singapore report that an image of Mickey Mouse has been discovered standing in a Hindu temple on a rubber estate in Negri Sembilan, on the Federated Malay States.

Mickey has a place of honour among the graven images of the Hindu gods, Subramania and Vishnu, and the "Demon King," Narakasara. Large crowds file before him on every holy day. The South Indian coolies, who frequent the temple, had seen Mickey on the village cinemas.

Hindus, according to a local expert, often place images of contemporary characters in their temples, without necessarily regarding them as gods.

STAR DUST

Joseph Schenck and his ex-wife, Norma Talmadge, have bought an apartment hotel at Long Beach, California.

Spring Byington has a big part in "Jezebel." Civil War story starring Bette Davis. Both the background and the main character are very similar to those of "Gone with the Wind."

At a course in Film Study at Columbia University the lecturers will include: Groucho Marx, Fritz Lang, Norma Shearer and Luise Rainer.

Ruth Chatterton will be starred by Herbert Wilcox in her own story of Napoleon's "Josephine." Another suggestion is that she should appear in a flying picture, as a female "Scarlet Pimpernel" flying refugees out of Spain.

Sir Cedric Hardwicke has been released from his contract with M-G-M. He was to have played in Kim, but the film is not yet ready. Hardwicke will return to Hollywood for the role if his stage commitments permit.

In "Radio City Revels" Kenny Baker and Ann Miller will conduct a romance supported by the combined comic antics of Parkyakarkus, Milton Berle, Joe Penner, Victor Moore, Helen Broderick and Jack Oakie.

Dorothy Mackaill has been taking tests at Warners and will probably make a picture for them.

M-G-M have bought "Madame Pompadour," the musical comedy in which Evelyn Laye starred on the London stage over twelve years ago. It will be a vehicle for either Jeanette MacDonald or Tona Massey.

DIARY OF LOCAL EVENTS

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 22
Anniversaries and Holidays—John Cromie born, 1768. D. L. Moody died, 1899. Winter Solstice (Tung-Chih).

Cinemas.—(See Page 5).
Commercial.—Chinese Estates, Ltd., third Interim Dividend payable.

Dances.—Chegro Club Dance, 8.30 p.m.; Seafarers' Dance, Sailors' Home, 9 p.m.

Entertainments.—The Crazy Revue "Hullo Hong Kong," at China Fleet Club Theatre, 9.15 p.m.; Y.M.C.A. Christmas Pantomime "Robinson Crusoe," matinee 5 p.m.; St. Andrew's Wolf Cubs' Christmas Party, 8 p.m.; Isako's Grand Circus opening at Chatham Road, Kowloon, 9.15 p.m.

Malls.—(See Page 16).
Miscellaneous.—Art Exhibitions at St. Francis Hotel and at China Building, 8th floor, 10 a.m. to 7 p.m.

Moon.—XI Moon, 20th Day.
Religious.—Nativity Play, at St. John's Cathedral, 5.15 p.m.

Social.—Whist Drive and Tombola, Garrison Serpts' Mess, Queen's Road, 8.30 p.m.; Christmas Dinner and Party for Service Men at S. and S. Home, 7.30 p.m.

Sports.—(See Page 10).
Sunrise.—6.59 a.m. Sunset.—5.44 p.m.

Tides.—High at 13.42. Low at 06.44 and 17.40.

THURSDAY, DEC. 23

Cinemas.—(See Page 5).
Malls.—(See Page 16).

Moon.—XI Moon, 21st Day.
Sports.—(See Page 10).

Sunrise.—6.58 a.m. Sunset.—5.44 p.m.

Tides.—High at 12.55 and 23.40. Low at 06.02 and 18.50.

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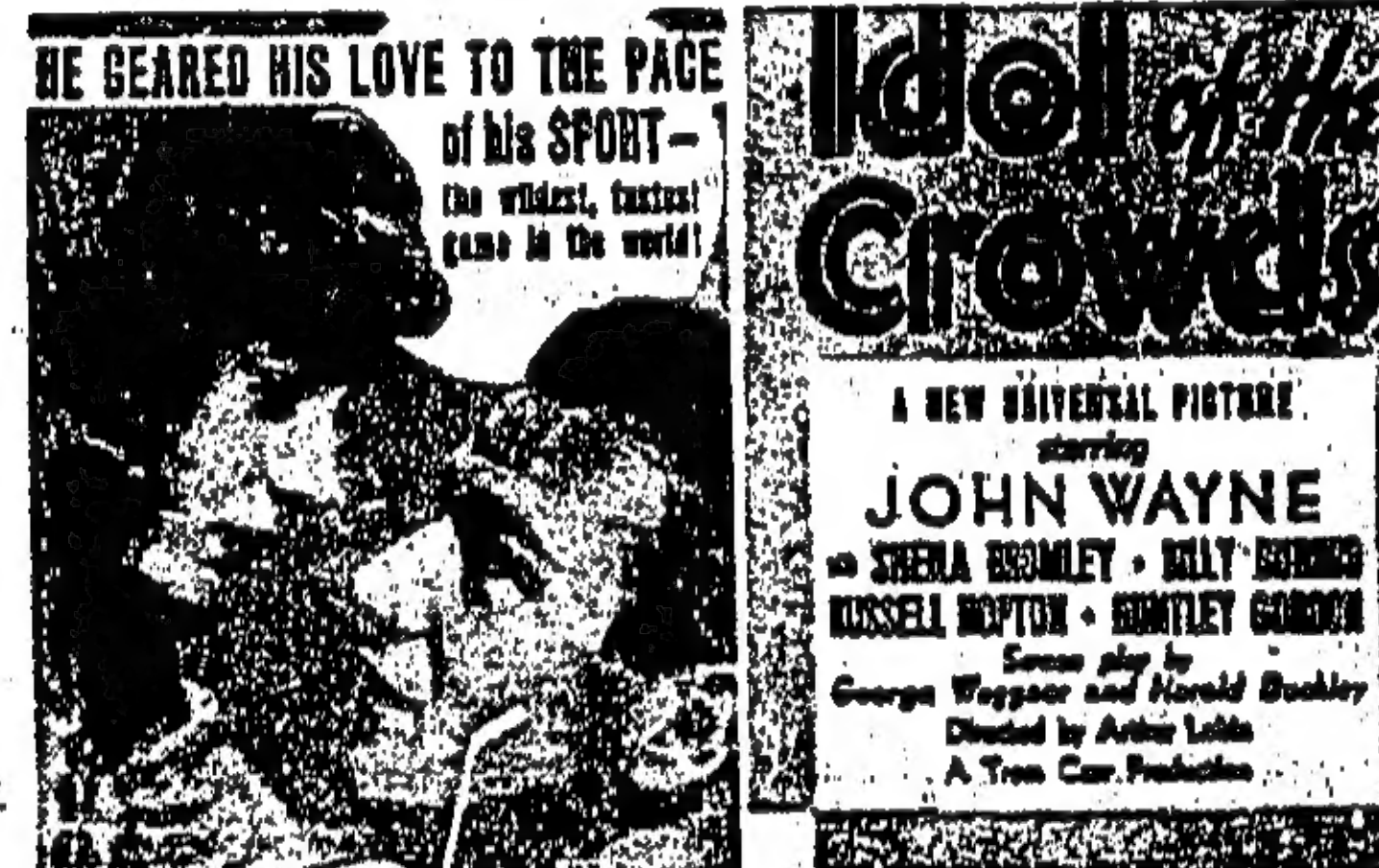


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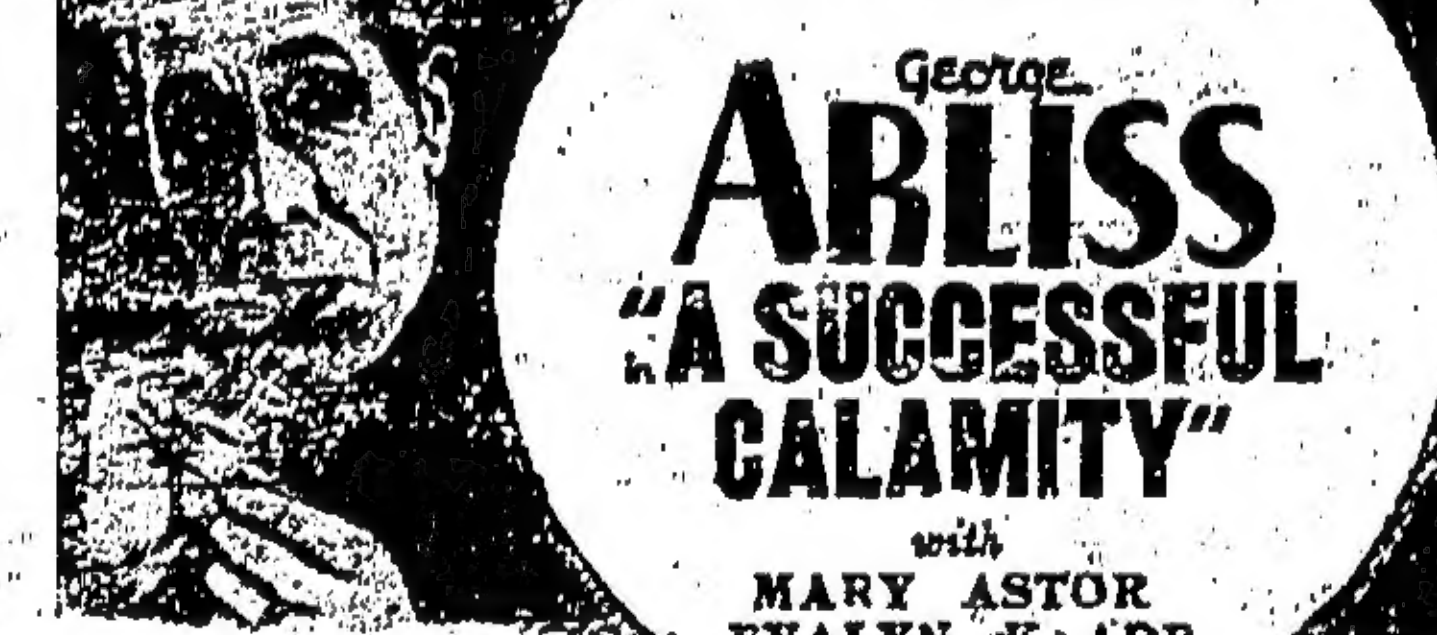
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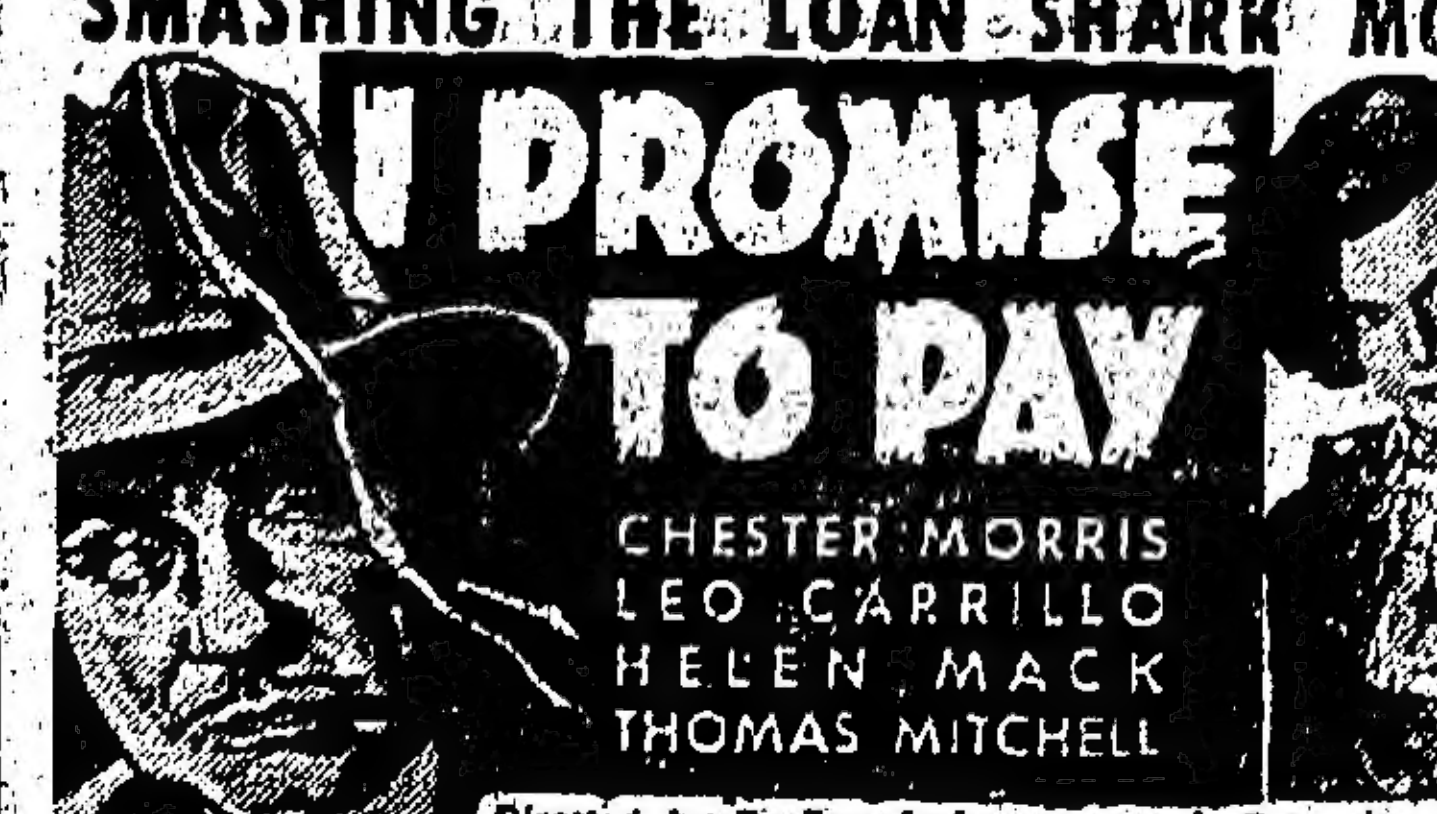
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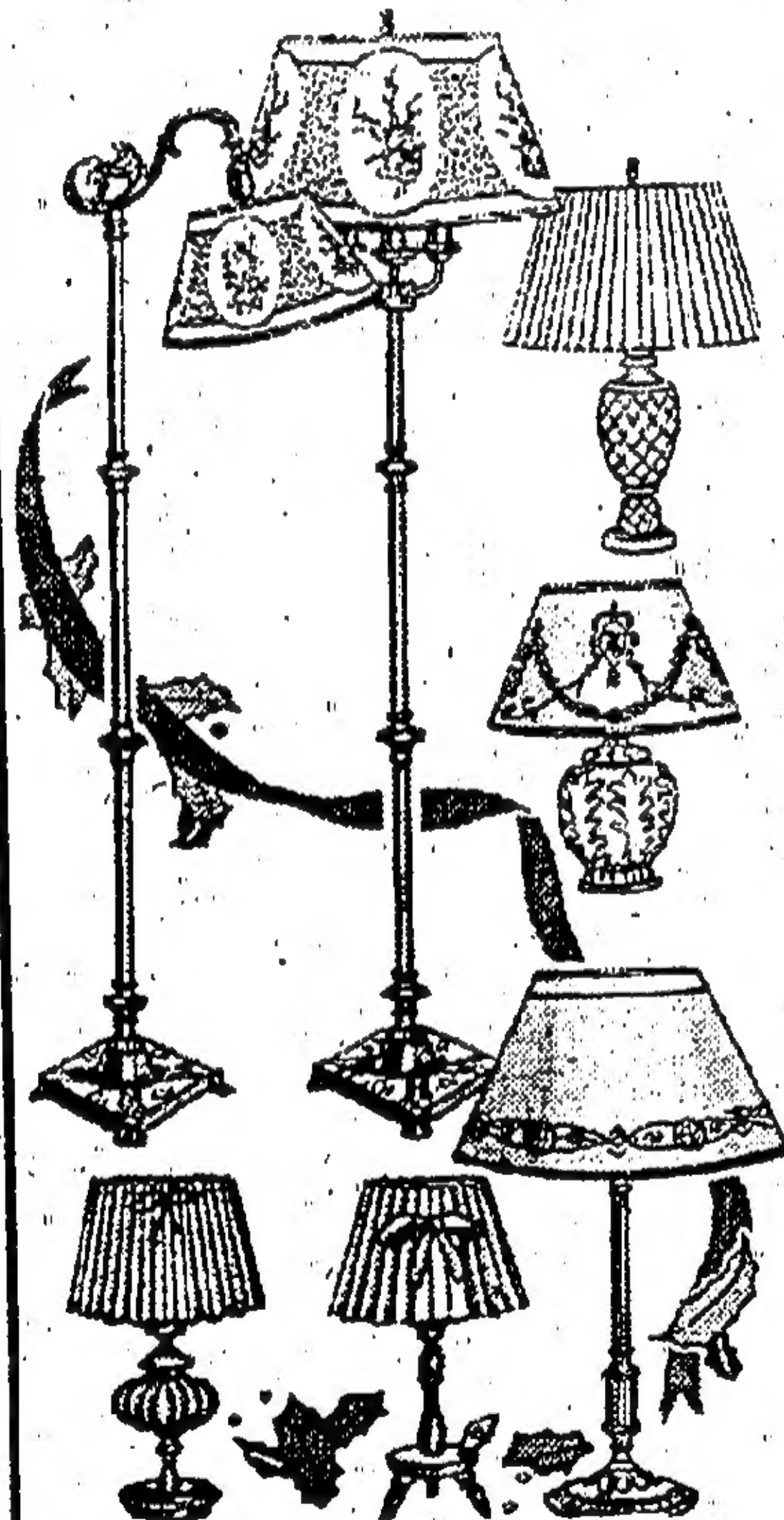
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JOINT NAVAL ACTION

Collective Defence In Far East Discussed

London, Dec. 20. The naval position in the Far East was discussed at a meeting in the House of Commons to-day, attended by a number of members of all parties, with Sir Cyril Entwistle presiding. Vice-Admiral R.O.B. Osborne spoke of the possibility of collective action on the part of Britain, France and the United States and emphasised the importance to Britain and America of what he considered to be Japan's aims to dominate China to the complete exclusion of foreign interests. He said that if co-operation between Britain, France and the United States could be secured it would not be difficult to defend the common interests of the three nations. He believed that the threat of common action would be sufficient to deter Japan, but it must be remembered that the United States would contemplate no alliance and would not intervene for interests not her own, and would not take any action which might lead to war.

Therefore, he suggested the creation of a joint Advisory Council on Far Eastern affairs in which Britain, France and the United States would be equally represented, to study and defend the joint interests of all three countries, and to recommend such action as might be necessary for that purpose.—*British*

CRUSADE AGAINST EPIDEMICS

Britain Working With League In China

London, Dec. 20. Replying to Mr. F. C. Watkins (Lab.) in the House of Commons to-day, Mr. Anthony Eden stated that the Secretary-General of the League of Nations was arranging for the formation of an English-speaking unit under the League's scheme for technical collaboration with China in the campaign against epidemics, and it was understood that Dr. R. C. Robertson of the Lester Institute for Medical Research in Shanghai had accepted the post of Epidemic Commissioner and leader of the unit, and that other members of the unit were being selected.

Interested departments of His Majesty's Governments were giving all possible assistance to the Secretary-General and Dr. Robertson, said the Foreign Secretary. Replying to a further question by Mr. Watkins, Mr. Eden said it was quite clear from his statement that Britain was not lagging behind any other country regarding this work.

Mr. A. V. Alexander (Lab.) asked whether there was any protest from Japan, and Mr. Eden replied that there was not occasion for anybody to protest. The action taken was fully justified.—*Reuter*

NO RECOGNITION OF PUPPET

Britain Deals Only With Central Government

London, Dec. 20. Mr. Arthur Henderson (Lab.) asked Mr. Anthony Eden in the House of Commons to-day to have an assurance that the Government would in no way recognise the provisional Government installed in Peiping by the Japanese authorities.

Mr. Eden replied that the British Government recognises the Central Government of all China. There was, therefore, no question of recognising the new administration.—*Reuter*

SUBVERSIVE ACTIVITIES

Former Soviet Ambassador Executed

Moscow, Dec. 21. Eight Soviet officials were executed on charges of subversive activities, according to an official announcement here to-day. These men included Karakhan, former Ambassador to Turkey.—*Reuter*

NEW BRITISH AMBASSADOR TO CHINA

SIR ARCHIBALD KERR APPOINTED

London, Dec. 20. The Foreign Office announces that the King has approved the appointment of Sir Archibald John Clark Kerr to be Ambassador in China in place of Sir Hugh Knatchbull-Hugessen who, it has been decided, will not return to China, but will be recommended for another post in due course.

It had been hoped that it would be possible to leave the Embassy in China in the charge of Mr. R. G. Howe until Sir Hugh Knatchbull-Hugessen was able to return to China in the spring, but recent events in the Far East, coupled with the uncertainty of the actual date by which Sir Hugh would be able to return to duty, made it necessary for the matter to be re-examined. It is now considered, despite the complete confidence felt in Mr. Howe, that it is essential that His Majesty's Government should be represented in China by a diplomat of Ambassadorial rank, and arrangements for this should be made with the least possible delay.—*Reuter*

CHINESE WAR REFUGEES

Local Arrangements In Case Of Canton Trouble

London, Dec. 20. At question time, the Foreign Secretary informed the House of Commons that the number of refugees in Shanghai at the beginning of December were estimated at approximately 250,000 in Nantao, 100,000 in the International Settlement and 50,000 in the French Concession. As far as the two latter areas were concerned, the refugees were now in camps established by various international and Chinese charitable bodies under the supervision of the local authorities.

The food situation was reported recently to be easier after a period of some shortage.

In another answer, Mr. Eden said he understood arrangements were being made in Hong Kong to cope with the influx of refugees if and when hostilities reach the neighbourhood of Canton.—*British Wireless*

ITALIAN PROPAGANDA IN PALESTINE

Cessation Necessary To Friendship

London, Dec. 20. "In view of certain reports which had been received of Italian propaganda in the Middle East, I have recently informed the Italian Ambassador that His Majesty's Government were well aware of this propaganda, and added that unless it could be brought to an end it would be impossible to create an atmosphere necessary to the prosecution of successful conversations designed to improve our mutual relations." This statement was made by the foreign secretary, Mr. Eden, replying to a Commons question on Italian propaganda in Palestine.—*British Wireless*

EDEN SEES THE KING

London, Dec. 20. The Foreign Secretary had an audience of the King at Buckingham Palace this evening.—*British Wireless*

CHINESE OFFICIALS VISIT HOUSE OF COMMONS

London, Dec. 20. Mr. Chen King-po, accompanied by Mr. Quo Tai-chi, Chinese Ambassador, visited the Premier, Mr. Chamberlain at the House of Commons to-day.—*Reuter*

DISLOYAL CONSULS

Keljo, Korea, Dec. 21. Following the example of Mr. Fan San-sheng, the Chinese Consul-General at Keljo the Chinese Consul at Chinnampo, Mr. Chang Yi-shin, according to Japanese reports, has also pledged allegiance to the Provisional Government of the Republic of China, recently organised in Peiping.—*Reuter*

CONCERN OVER HONG KONG

Mr. Eden Tries To Dispel Invasion Fear

London, Dec. 20. Mr. A. V. Alexander (Lab.) asked in the House of Commons if the Foreign Secretary would arrange that Mr. Neville Chamberlain, the Prime Minister, should make a statement early in to-morrow's foreign affairs debate about the present position which they feared in Hong Kong.

Mr. Anthony Eden replied that he did not know what Mr. Alexander meant, and added: "Our own attitude in respect to Hong Kong has been made quite clear in my replies during the last few days."

Mr. Alexander asked if it were not the case that there are reports about a contemplated invasion of South China with a view to encircling that part of the coast?

Mr. Eden replied: "Let us be quite clear about this. I am sure Mr. Alexander does not mean a contemplated invasion of Hong Kong. I have heard no reports of that kind at all."—*Reuter*

SIERRA LEONE DEFENCES

Garrison For Coast Defences

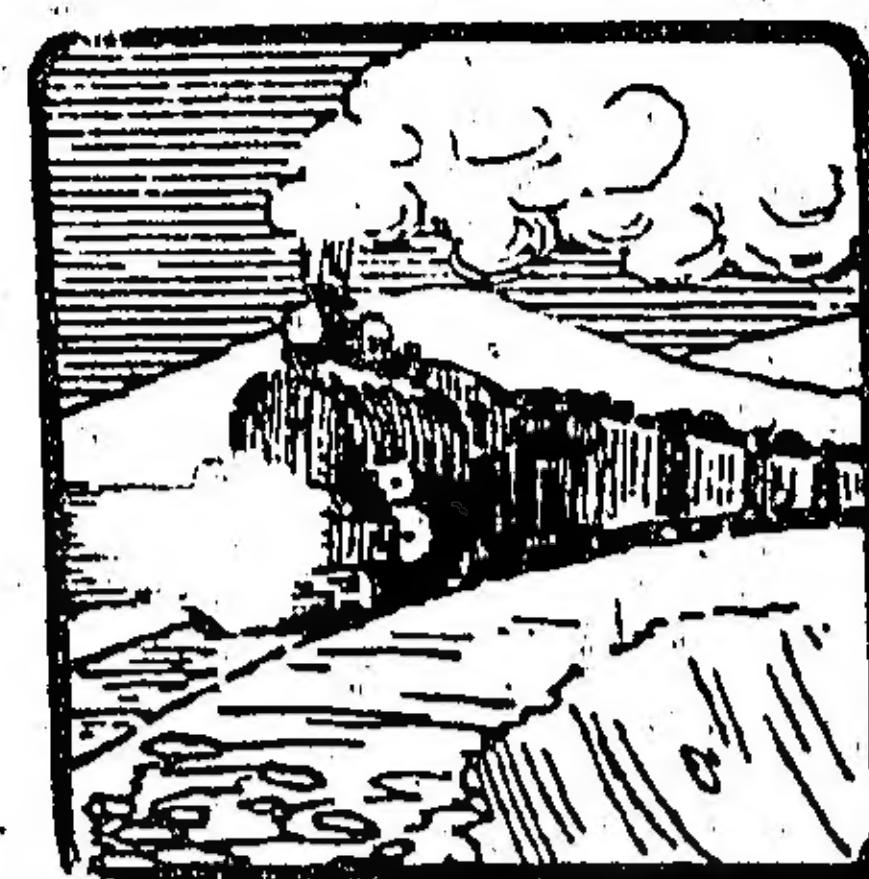
London, Dec. 20. The War Office announces that as the result of a decision taken some time ago, Free Town, Sierra Leone, is again to be provided with a regular garrison to man its coast defences. Coast defences will remain substantially the same as they are at the moment, though certain modifications and additions will be made to adapt them to modern requirements. An advanced party recently arrived in Freetown to carry out preparatory work. Coast defence units will consist of British, European and African personnel. By arrangement with the Government of Sierra Leone recruiting and training of African personnel have commenced under the aegis of the Sierra Leone Battalion of the Royal West African Frontier Force.—*British Wireless*

TENSION HANGS OVER DIET OPENING

Tokyo, Dec. 21. In an atmosphere, unparalleled for tension since the historical days of 1931, the 73rd session of the Diet is being convened on December 24. Two days later there will be the opening ceremony of the House of Peers in the presence of the Emperor, and immediately afterwards the session will be adjourned until January 21.—*Reuter*

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LONDON GAZETTE

FRIDAY, DEC. 10

ADMIRALTY, NOV. 29

NOVEMBER 30

R.N.

Lieut. (E) (Retd.) J. H. Roberts to Lieut.-Comdr. (E) (Retd.) (Nov. 27).

DECEMBER 1

R.N.

Lieuts. to be Lieut.-Comds.—R. E. Gunston (Flight Lieut. R.A.F.), S. G. Stoodley, H. G. Dymott, J. D. C. Little (Flight Lieut. R.A.F.), E. F. Pizey, W. A. K. N. Cavaye, R. C. Harrison, R. T. Gardner, W. G. Crawford, R. T. Shaw, H. G. T. Paddell (Dec. 1).

Paymtr. Lieuts. to be Paymtr. Lieut.-Comds.—D. P. H. Pearson, H. R. Barry (Dec. 1).

Actg. Sub-Lieut. (E) H. P. B. Evans to be Sub-Lieut. (E) (Dec. 1).

DECEMBER 2

R.N.

Surg. Capt. C. V. Griffiths, D.S.O., M.R.C.S., L.R.C.P., to be Surg. Rear-Adm. (Dec. 2); Lieut. (Retd.) R. B. Edwards to be Lieut.-Comdr. (Retd.) (Dec. 1); Lieut. (Retd.) R. H. Aldworth to be Lieut.-Comdr. (Retd.) (Nov. 18).

DECEMBER 3

R.N.

Lieut.-Comdr. W. J. A. Willis placed on Retd. List at own request (Dec. 3).

DECEMBER 4

R.N.

Lieut. (E) L. V. Edwards placed on Retd. List (Dec. 4).

DECEMBER 6

R.M.

The following Prob. Lieuts. are confirmed in the rank of Lieut. with seny. of May 21.—P. H. B. Wall, F. N. Grant, J. L. Carter, T. J. A. Seale, G. C. N. Bishop.

R.N.R.

Lieut.-Comdr. J. C. Munro (Retd.) to be Comdr. (Retd.) (Nov. 15); Lieut. F. A. C. Bishop placed on Retd. List (Nov. 20); Lieut. R. F. Turnbull placed on Retd. List (Dec. 1); Lieut. J. E. Evans to be Lieut.-Comdr. (Nov. 17); Sub-Lieut. J. F. G. Fotheringham to be Lieut. with seny. of Dec. 5, 1936; Prob. Sub-Lieut. E. W. Ridley to the Sub-Lieut. with seny. of July 19.

DECEMBER 7

R.N.

Surg. Lieut. T. McCarthy, L.R.C.P. and S. to be Surg. Lieut.-Comdr. (Dec. 7).

DECEMBER 9

R.M.

Lieut. W. A. Grey, M.B.E. (Ch. Schmr.) to be Capt. (Ch. Schmr.) (Dec. 9).

WAR OFFICE, DEC. 10

The follg. are apptd. Hon. Surgs. to the King.—Col. S. G. S. Haughton, C.I.E., O.B.E., M.D., Ind. Med. Serv., V.H.S. (Aug. 10), vice Maj.-Gen. E. A. Walter, C.B., M.B., F.R.C.S. Edin., Ind. Med. Serv., retired; Col. N. M. Wilson, O.B.E., Ind. Med. Serv. (Sept. 13), vice Maj.-Gen. Sir Frank P. Connor, Kt., D.S.O., F.R.C.S., Ind. Med. Serv., retired.

REGULAR ARMY

Col. H. G. Seth-Smith, D.S.O., h.p., retires on ret. pay (Dec. 11), and is granted the hon. rank of Brig.

The follg. Lt.-Cols. to be Col.—G. Ireland, Ind. Army (Sept. 15), with seny April 1, 1936; R. B. Deedes, O.B.E., M.C., 2/18 R. Garh. Rif. (Oct. 1), with seny. Jan. 1, 1936.

The follg. Lt.-Cols. to be Bt.-Cols., under the prov. of Rule 25, R.A.I. Provisional, 1937.—N. G. R. Coates, 4/13 F.F. Rif. (Sept. 30); V. C. Cassidy, O.B.E., R.I.A.S.C. (Oct. 2).

COMMANDS AND STAFF

The follg. relinquish their appts.—Lt.-Col. J. S. Steele, M.C., Foresters, as G.S.O. 2nd Grade, E. Comd. (Oct. 14); Maj. H. W. Deacon, D.F.C., R.A., as Maj. Instr. in Gunn., S. Comd. (Nov. 15); Capt. (now local Maj.) R. J. Maunsell, R. Tank Corps, as G.S.O. 3rd Grade, The British Troops in Egypt (temp.) (Nov. 30).

The follg. appts. are made.—Col. L. G. Robinson, h.p., to be Asst. Dir. of Supplies and Trans. The British Troops in China (Dec. 3); Maj. C. L. Ferard, M.C., R.A., to be Maj. Instr. in Gunn., S. Comd. (Nov. 15).

The follg. Majs. are apptd. to Spec. Appts. (Cl. BB) (temp.) (Nov. 24)—N. E. H. Sim, Y. and L. R. A. Joyce, M.C., R. Tank Corps, R. H. Welch, D.S.O., King's Own R., J. E. Catherall, M.B.E., R. War R.

Capt. C. H. Dickens, E. Surrey R., to be Dep. Asst. Prov. Marshal (Cl. FF) (temp.), The British Forces in Palestine and Trans-Jordan (Nov. 24); Capt. and Bt. Maj. E. J. C. King-Salter, Rifle Bds. from G.S.O. (Instr. in Tactics)

THE SERVICES

ROYAL NAVY

INSTRUCTOR AT GREENWICH

Commander R. M. J. Hutton, late executive officer of the cruiser Despatch in the Mediterranean, has joined the instructional staff of the R.N. College, Greenwich, to succeed Captain Q. D. Graham, promoted in June last.

SUBMARINE CONSTRUCTION

The placing of contracts, for three submarines of the 1937 programme completes the orders for this class of vessel included in the programme. Contracts for three were placed in July, and these vessels have now all been laid down—the Tarpon by the Scotts' Shipbuilding Company, Greenock, on October 5; the Taku by Cammell Laird and Co., Birkenhead, on November 18; and the Thistle by Vickers-Armstrongs, Barrow, on December 7. Only one submarine of the programme was allotted to a public dockyard, and this will be the Tigris, to be laid down shortly at Chatham. The three ordered recently are the Triad and Truant, from Vickers-Armstrongs, and the Tuna, from the Scotts' Company. All will be of the Triton class for patrol duties, with a displacement of about 1,095 tons (1,595 tons submerged). The type-ship Triton, building under the 1935 programme, was launched at Barrow on October 5, and four more of the 1935 programme (Thetis, Triumph, Trident, and Tribune) are building in the private yards.

NAVAL APPOINTMENTS

The following appointments are made by the Admiralty:—Cd. Eng.—A. J. Lee, to Crusader (Dec. 6).

Wt. Engrs.—E. Dean, to Colombo (Dec. 29); R. C. Lyons, to Centurion (Jan. 4).

THE ARMY

LORD PLUMER'S BATON AND DECORATIONS

The baton, decorations, and medals of the late Field-Marshal Lord Plumer were presented to the 1st Battalion, The York and Lancaster Regiment recently. The presentation was made at the Infantry Barracks, York, where the battalion is now stationed, by Major W. Brooke, a son-in-law of the late Lord Plumer, on behalf of the Dowager Lady Plumer. It was with the 1st Battalion of The York and Lancaster Regiment that the late Lord Plumer began his military career.

The baton was handed by Major Brooke to Colonel H. E. de R. Wetherall, commanding the battalion, who placed it in its case, resting with the decorations and medals on the piled drums of the battalion, as the band played the regimental march.

COMMAND OF THE RANGERS

The War Office announces that Major and Brevet Lieutenant-Colonel F. M. Potter, O.B.E., has been selected to command The

(Cl. CC), Sch. of Mil. Engineering, to be Bde. Maj. 12th Inf. Bde. (Nov. 28).

ROYAL REGIMENT OF ARTILLERY

The follg. are secd.—Maj. C. L. Ferard, M.C., whilst holding the appt. of Maj. Instr. in Gunn. (Nov. 15); Maj. J. L. Maxwell, M.C., for serv. on the Staff, India (Dec. 10); Capt. D. W. Neilson for serv. with the T.A. (Dec. 1).

Capt. C. M. Kirby-Smith is restd. to the estab. (Dec. 9); See Lt. J. W. D. Symons to be Lt. (Dec. 9).

CORPS OF ROYAL ENGINEERS

Maj. (Qr.-Mr.) C. J. Taylor having attained the age for retirement is placed on ret. pay (Dec. 11); Capt. (Qr.-Mr.) R. C. E. Hounsell to be Maj. (Qr.-Mr.) (Dec. 11); Lt. W. E. Wright resigns his temp. comm. (Dec. 11); Sergt.-Maj. Clerk of Works A. H. Parry to be Lt. (Qr.-Mr.) (Dec. 11).

INFANTRY

The King's R.—Lt. P. C. Winter-ton to be Capt. (Aug. 30). Somerset L.I.—Capt. C. L. Pirbank is secd. for serv. as an Adj. T.A. (Nov. 17); Capt. A. Hunt is retd. to the estab. (Nov. 17). W. York R.—Capt. J. P. O'Brien Twigh is secd. for serv. as an Adj. T.A. (Nov. 28).

Green Howards.—Capt. D. A. Seagrims is secd. whilst holding a Spec. Appt. (Nov. 19).

Cameronians.—Maj. E. Andrew, M.C., having attained the age for retirement, retires on ret. pay (Dec. 10); Capt. and Bt. Maj. J. W. N. Haugh to be Maj. (Dec. 10). Border R.—Lt.-Col. M. U. Manly, M.C., on completion of his period of serv. in comd., is placed on the h.p. list (Dec. 10); Maj. G. W. B. Tarleton, M.C., to be Lt.-Col. (Dec. 10); Capt. C. H. Walker, M.C. to

Rangers (Territorial), The King's Royal Rifle Corps, in succession to Lieutenant-Colonel (temporary Colonel) J. K. Dunlop, O.B.E., M.C., T.D., who, as already announced, has been appointed an Assistant Adjutant-General in the Department of the Director-General of the Territorial Army at the War Office.

NOTES FROM INDIA

It has been decided that R.E. officers who have been engaged on operations in Waziristan will be allowed to pass their prescribed language test at the July examination.

India commissioned officers who entered the Military Academy at Dehra Dun as Indian Army cadets will, from February 1 next, be granted double the outfit allowance now laid down.

The following artillery officers have qualified at the British Officers' Course at the School of Artillery, Kaku:—

Majors J. R. W. Curteis, M.C.; C. Goulder, M.C.; and J. H. B. Strbeck.

Captains G. R. K. Davey, R. J. L. Penfold, J. Roger, T. G. M. Darling, J. B. Donaldson, J. C. A. Baty, J. W. Palmer, E. L. E. Davies, and M. Khan.

Lieutenants H. R. L. Hodges, R. C. Warlow-Harry, J. M. H. Roberts, D. B. Ronald, J. H. Branford, R. B. O. Hyatt, J. B. Chaplain, and R. C. Langan.

ROYAL AIR FORCE

BOMBER COMMAND STAFF

Group Captain F. P. Don, O.B.E., who has recently returned from three years as Air Attaché in Berlin, is appointed for air staff duties at headquarters of the Bomber Command, Uxbridge, where Air Chief-Marshal Sir Edgar Ludlow-Hewitt is now Air Officer Commanding-in-Chief.

ARMAMENT DEVELOPMENT

Wing Commander G. V. Howard, D.F.C., promoted on October 1, is appointed to the newly formed Directorate of Armament Development at the Air Ministry, to succeed Wing Commander L. G. le B. Croke, who has taken command of No. 233 (G.R.) Squadron at Thornaby.

R.A.F. APPOINTMENTS

The following appointments in the Royal Air Force are notified:—

GENERAL DUTIES BRANCH

Group Captain—F. P. Don, O.B.E., to Headquarters, Bomber Command, Uxbridge, for Air Staff duties (Nov. 10).

Wing Commander—G. V. Howard, D.F.C., to Directorate of Armament Development, Air Ministry, vice Wing Commander L. G. le B. Croke (Nov. 8).

Squadron Leader—C. McK. Grierson, to Headquarters, R.A.F. Far East, Singapore, for duty as Senior Personnel Staff Officer (Oct. 20).

Flying Officer—F. M. Thomas, to No. 73 (Fighter) Squadron, Digby (Sept. 13).

be Maj. (Dec. 10); Lt. K. E. F. Millar, M.B.E., to be Capt. (Nov. 24).

Seaforth.—Lt. K. J. G. Garner-Smith is secd. for serv. as an Adj. T.A. (Nov. 30).

ROYAL ARMY MEDICAL CORPS

Lt.-Col. R. F. Bridges, M.B., retires on ret. pay (Dec. 10).

QUEEN ALEXANDRA'S IMPERIAL MILITARY NURSING SERVICE

Prov. Staff Nurse Miss F. G. Jones is confirmed in her appt.

ESTABLISHMENTS

Sch. of Arty.—Capt. J. F. S. Rendall, R.A., to be Capt. Instr. in Gunn. (Cl. EE) (Dec. 4).

The Mil. Coll. of Science.—Maj. J. S. Marsh, M.C., R.A., from Sen. Instr. (Cl. BB) to be Dep. Chief Instr. (Cl. Z) (Oct. 29).

Sch. of Mil. Engineering.—Capt. E. C. Pepper, Bds. and Herts R., to be G.S.O. (Instr. in Tactics) (Cl. CC) (Nov. 28).

MEMORANDA

Maj. A. Minnis, R.E., is granted the local rank of Lt.-Col., while empld. as C.R.E., Corsham (Dec. 11); the date of retirement on ret. pay of Lt.-Col. G. L. Leslie-Smith, h.p., late R.A., is Nov. 24, and not as notified in the "Gazette" of Nov. 23.

COLONY'S HEALTH

Health returns of the Colony for the week ended December 18 show the following cases:—Small pox (10, with 7 deaths), diphtheria (4, with 3 deaths), scarlet fever (1), enteric fever (2, both fatal), cerebrospinal meningitis (2, with 3 deaths), dysentery (11, with 3 deaths), puerperal fever (1) and 103 deaths from tuberculosis.

THE TROOPING SEASON

Military Officers And Wives Arriving

The transport Dorsetshire which sailed from Southampton on December 4 will arrive in Hong Kong on January 8, with the following personnel aboard:—

Staff.—Col. and Mrs. L. G. Robinson, Capt. and Mrs. H. W. R. Williams.

R.A.V.C.—Major and Mrs. K. S. Williams.

Royal Artillery.—Wife of Major G. D. Way, Lieut. W. Hanwell, Lieut. and Mrs. A. F. D. Colson, Lieut. and Mrs. W. B. Wilson.

8th Heavy Bde., R.A.—S/Sergt. and Mrs. F. Smith, Sergts. C. Dutch, W. Wilson, H. Gould, F. Godfrey, F. Pettitt, F. Rawlings and their wives, L/Sergts. G. Mose, A. Reeks and their wives, Bdr. and Mrs. W. Boyes, five N.C.Os, five Bombardiers, nine Gunners and four Trumpeters.

5th A. A. Bde., R.A.—BQMS and Mrs. H. Howleson, Sergts. S. Dicks, E. Scragg, R. Weaver, T. Walter, H. Ralph and their wives, L/Sergt. and Mrs. A. Wood, two N.C.Os, one Bombardier, 41 gunners and three Trumpeters.

Royal Engineers (Est).—S/Clerks L. Minion, A. Pease and their wives, SM L. Weekes, Q.M.Ss. S. Buckle, F. Archer and their wives S/Sergts. F. Connor, G. Wilson and their wives, two N.C.Os.

Royal Engineers.—Major D. Bathe, Capt. M. T. L. Wilkinson, wife of Sergt. Hutton, three N.C.Os, and ten Sappers.

Hong Kong and Singapore Bde., R.A.—Sergt. and Mrs. H. Potipher, L/Sergt. and Mrs. H. Gray, two Bombardiers.

1st Bn. Middlesex Regiment.—Major L. A. Newham, M.C., Capt. and Mrs. M. A. Jacob, 2/Lieut. F. S. C. Hancock, wife of Lieut. (QM) R. T. Gascott, Cpl. J. McGrady, L/Cpl. L/Sergt. and Mrs. H. Gray, two Drummers.

1st Bn. Seaforth Highlanders.—2/Lieut. R. C. Gascoigne, 2/Lieut. C. M. Griggs, Sergt. and Mrs. J. Clark, Sergt. W. Davies, L/Sergt. J. McDonald, L/Cpl. E. Waud, 101 Privates, wives of Sergt. R. Pratt and R. Wilson.

R.A.M.C.—Major A. P. Draper (Senior Medical Officer returning by same vessel), Major and Mrs. J. E. Swyer, wife of Major G. T. L. Archer.

R.A.P.C.—Major and Mrs. G. S. Eynon, Major and Mrs. F. T. Baines, wife of SQMS. F. Woodman.

Military Provost Staff Corps.—Sergt. and Mrs. T. R. Ward.

R.A.O.C.—wife of S/Cdr. J. Hill, Q.A.I.M.N.S.—Sisters Miss M. C. Rice, F. Holmes.

FOR TIENTSIN

1st Bn. Lancashire Fusiliers.—2/Lieut. R. H. Leyven.

FOR SHANGHAI

2nd Bn., Loyal Regiment.—Major G. G. E. Williams, Capt. G. L. Dolman, Capt. C. W. Gibson, 2/Lieut. J. H. Proctor, Sergt. H. Grant, 33 Privates, six Boys.

R.A.S.C.—Capt. J. Thompson.

CAPT. SUZUKI IN HOSPITAL

Suffering from dislocation of the shoulder, Captain T. Suzuki, of the Japanese Army, attached to the local Consulate-General, is still in the Majima Hospital following the border incident on Sunday. It is revealed that another Japanese, Mr. Kobota, accompanied the party, but neither he nor the British officers who intervened were badly injured.

According to one report, the party might have strayed, by accident, into Chinese territory and the villagers stopped them at what they believed to be the approximate border.

MORE BORDER PATROLS

It was learned yesterday that about 30 policemen have left for the borders of the Colony to augment the present patrols, these including nine Europeans. Some of the men will probably have to live in tents.

JAPANESE TROOPS IN BIAS BAY

It is learned that two Japanese transports are at present in Bias Bay. It appears probable that the Japanese have already landed some troops in this vicinity, though authorities cannot confirm this yet.

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The King of Norway sent Miss Mary Lindley, youngest daughter of the Hon. Sir Francis and Lady Lindley, a silver dish, and the Queen of Norway sent her a diamond and pearl brooch, for her marriage to Mr. William Johnston Keswick, son of the late Mr. Henry Keswick and of Mrs. Keswick. The Duchess of Gloucester gave her a set of hand-embroidered d'oyleys.

The marriage took place on Dec. 9 at St. Margaret's, Tichborne. Father Adrian Weld-Blundell officiated, assisted by Mgr. Ronald Knox and Father A. Lion.

The bride, who was given away by her father, wore a gown of white slipper satin, with a veil of Brussels lace trimmed with orange-blossoms. She carried a bouquet of white camellias, and was attended by eight children and one grown-up bridesmaid. The pages—Roderick and Alexander McEwen (nephews of the bride)—wore kilts, with white linen shirts trimmed with lace, and scarlet shoes. The little girls—Lady Amabel Yorke and Christian McEwen (nieces of the bride), Sophie Keswick (niece of the bridegroom), Clare Sanders, Judy Buxton, and Sheila Scott—wore Kate Greenaway coats of scarlet cloth, with bonnets to match trimmed with ermine, and ermine muffs. Miss Margaret Stirling wore a white dress with a scarlet sash and shoes, and a scarlet headress. The Hon. W. W. Astor, M.P., was best man.

The Hon. Lady Lindley afterwards held a reception at Longwood-House, Winchester (by permission of the bride). Among the guests were:—

Mrs. Henry Keswick, Captain J. H. F. McEwen, M.P., and Mrs. McEwen, Mr. James and Mr. Robin McEwen, the Earl and Countess of Hardwicke, Mr. and Mrs. Keswick, Lady Lovat, Lord Lovat, the Earl and Countess of Eddon, Viscountess Encombe, the Hon. Michael and Mrs. Scott, Miss Clare Elwes, Lady Sybil Fraser, Miss Fanny Fraser, the Hon. Jessie Lindley, the Hon. Mrs. John Lindley, Sir Richard and Lady Gull.

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OFFICIAL NOTICE

PROPOSAL TO CHANGE A SHIP'S NAME.

I John Finnie, Manager of Talkoo Dockyard & Eng. Co. of H.K., Ltd. hereby give notice that in consequence of Proposal to re-name the present salvage vessel "Tai Koo," "Koo I" and to register the new salvage vessel "Tai Koo."

I have applied to the Board of Trade, under section 47 of the Merchant Shipping Act, 1894, in respect of the ship "Tai Koo" of Hong Kong Official number 128709 of gross tonnage 334 tons, register tonnage 366 tons, owned by Talkoo Dockyard & Engineering Co. of Hong Kong, Ltd., Hong Kong, for the permission to change her name to "Tai Koo I" and to have her registered in the new name at the Port of Hong Kong as owned by Talkoo Dockyard & Engineering Co. of Hong Kong, Ltd., Hong Kong.

Any objections to the proposed change of name must be sent to the Registrar of Shipping at Hong Kong, within seven days from the appearance of this advertisement.

Dated at Hong Kong this 21st day of December, 1937.

(Signed) For
THE TAIKOO DOCKYARD & ENGINEERING COMPANY
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JOHN FINNIE,
Manager.

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MACAO JOCKEY CLUB. JANUARY RACE MEETING.

REMEMINDER.

Owners are reminded that entries for the above Meeting close on Wednesday, 22nd December, 1937.

By order,

S. W. CHENG,
Secretary.

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PUBLIC AUCTION

PARTICULARS AND CONDITIONS of the Sale by Public Auction to be held on Tuesday, the 28th day of Dec., 1937, at 3 p.m., at the Offices of the Public Works Department, by Order of His Excellency the Governor of one Lot of Crown Land at Tin Hau Temple Rd. in the Colony of Hong Kong for a term of 75 years, with the option of renewal at a Crown Rent to be fixed by the Surveyor of His Majesty the King, for one further term of 75 years.

Intending bidders are advised that immediately after the disposal of the lot the purchaser (if not the applicant), will be required to deposit with an authorized officer who will be present at the sale, the sum of two hundred dollars, \$200.00 in cash. This sum will be refunded on payment of the purchase price.

PARTICULARS OF THE LOT

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Lot 1	West of Inland Lot No. 2184, Tin Hau Temple Road.	As per sale plan.	About 8,600	108	6,000

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PHYSICAL TRAINING COMPETITION

The Hon. Mr. R. A. C. North, Secretary for Chinese Affairs, deputised for His Excellency the Governor, Sir Geoffrey Northcote, at the display of physical training exercises given by vernacular schoolboys on the Kowloon Football Club ground yesterday during the finals of the Physical Training Competition. His Excellency had intended to be present and to give away the banners to the successful schools.

The three finalists were the Dun Mau and Tung Wah Schools of Hong Kong and the Chung Wah School of Kowloon, and they gave a fine exhibition before the large gathering, demonstrating the great care that had been taken in the training of the boys. The first prize (Mr. W. Kay's banner) was awarded to the Dun Mau and the second (Mr. Law's banner) to the Chung Wah.

Among those present beside the Hon. Mr. North were:—Mr. W. Kay (Director of Education), Mr. Y. P. Law (Inspector of Vernacular Schools), Mr. J. B. Morahan (Supervisor of Physical Training), Mr. C. J. Sells (Inspector of English Schools), Rev. G. E. S. Updell (Headmaster of King's College), and Mr. S. W. Liang (Inspector of Vernacular Schools).

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PATHETIC

It was on the Shanghai front that a Chinese pilot, wounded to such an extent that he was barely able to control his machine, dropped several bombs—in actual fact they fell out of their racks—with most unfortunate results. This put an idea into the minds of the presidents of the Japanese Courts of Enquiry—that every outrage against foreigners must be perpetrated by the Chinese. In fairness, however, to the Chinese, it must be stated that whenever the Chinese had been at fault, as in the case of the bombing of the Pres. Hoover, they have owned up immediately and on investigation it had always been proved beyond doubt that such acts were genuine accidents, and in fact may be summed up by the French expression "c'est la guerre."

Let us examine the case of the Japanese. The bombing and machine-gunning of our Ambassador was hardly a credit to them. Neither was the slovenly way in which they investigated the case or the grudging apology rendered. The same applies to the machine-gunning of a post on the border of the International Settlement occupied by a detachment of the Royal Ulster Rifles.

Now comes the case of the U.S.S. Panay and H.M.S. Ladybird. To the man in the street there is not the shadow of a doubt that the U.S.S. Panay was machine-gunned, bombed and sunk by Japanese airplanes. Yet Major-General Harada emphasised in his finding that the Japanese Commander of the troops involved "did not consider" he was at fault. H.M.S. Ladybird was more fortunate, probably because she was quicker to defend herself than the U.S.S. Panay. It is probable that General Harada will spin the same yarn in his finding of the attack on the Ladybird as he did in the Panay incident. What possible excuse has Japan when a neutral zone had previously been asked for and refused?

And now to our last point, and this is a very important one. We learn from the current cables that Japan accepts responsibility for her misgivings against the British if (mind you) responsibility for injury to the British can be proved. It was added that exceptions may be discovered.

Mr. Anthony Eden, British Foreign Secretary, in reply to a question in the House of Commons, stated that "the Japanese Government had fully accepted in principle the pecuniary compensation claims which had been made." We have these two points here to make. Firstly, the case has to be proved and who the judge may be is not stated. Secondly, the matter is already accepted in principle. We have yet to learn where the word "principle" comes into the Japanese dictionary and as for Mr. Anthony Eden, well, he is still very young.

THE NOBEL PRIZE IN PHYSICS

For his "discovery of interference phenomena when crystals are irradiated with electrons," Dr. Clinton Davisson won this year the Nobel Prize in physics. At all sounds very technical. But reduced to lowest terms, what Davisson uncovered—in his Bell Telephone Laboratories was proof that electrons sometimes behave like waves and at other times like particles.

Actually what Davisson did was take Sir Ernest Rutherford's "solid electrons," members of atomic "solar systems," as they streamed from a hot filament in a vacuum (the phenomenon which makes radio possible) and direct them, against a photographic plate. Instead of riddling this target of closely packed silver crystals like bullets would have done, concentric rings like ripples on a pond resulted, proving that electrons can behave like waves.

This is interesting. It made Einstein sit up at night until he was able to visualize it mathematically. Physicists and chemists alike found the dual nature of electrons an answer to perplexing "reactions." However, Dr. Davisson considers his task only partly done. If electrons "sometimes behave like waves and hence like light, then why can they not be brought to a focus within a magnetic field just as light is brought to a focus by a lens?"

This is the theory behind the electronic microscope which may someday extend the vision of mankind as far beyond the 200-inch telescope and the ultramicroscope, as these instruments now extend our vision beyond the naked eye.

PRES. HOOVER FAST BREAKING-UP

The position of the Dollar Line's \$8,000,000 President Hoover is growing increasingly grave according to latest information. The liner's back is now reported to be broken and the sea remains so rough that the ship is being pounded helplessly on the reef onto which she ran last week at Holshote Island, and the two tug boats in attendance are unable to lend her any assistance.

Another unfortunate circumstance has now arisen. No lighters are available at any convenient port and so, even if the weather breaks and conditions would permit of cargo and effects being transferred to lighters, or possibly a small ship chartered for the purpose, this will not be possible.

It has been announced here that the President Taft will take over the Hoover's schedule and the smaller ship is expected to sail from San Francisco on January 28, whether the President Taft will be able to maintain the fast schedule of the more modern and speedier President Hoover is not yet known and the Taft may leave America a day or two ahead of schedule.

FINANCE COMMITTEE MEETING

Votes totalling \$491,274 will be asked by the Finance Committee after the Legislative Council meeting to-day.

Included in the sum are the following items: Miscellaneous Services (telegrams) \$13,000; Public Works Extraordinary (New Kowloon, Miscellaneous, Kowloon, Walled City, New Village Type Houses and site formation) \$10,832; Kowloon-Canton Railway (Special expenditure: Rebuilding two damaged coaches) \$18,000; Harbour Department (Repairs, minor improvements and stores for launches and boats) \$15,172; Public Works Recurrent (Hong Kong, 6, Water Works, Item 1, maintenance of city and hill district) \$15,000; Treasury (1, Personal Emoluments) \$11,500.

MARYSE HILZ

Karachel, Dec. 21: Maryse Hilz, the French aviatrice, landed here at 6.14 a.m. G.M.T. and took off at 7 a.m. for Allahabad en route to Hanol.

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GEORGE VI STAMPS

Southern Rhodesian Issue

One of the first of the British Possessions beyond the seas to use up its supply of George V postage stamps is Southern Rhodesia, where, because of unexpectedly early exhaustion of stocks, it has been found necessary to introduce stamps of the new reign a full week before the scheduled date.

As the special Coronation issue was sold out four or five months ago, also before its appointed period of currency, the only stamps in circulation in the territory have been those bearing the likeness of George V as originally issued in 1931, and the two pictorial values, 2d. and 3d., showing a view of the Victoria Falls.

The new series taken into use on November 25 embraces denominations ranging from 1d. to 5s. and carries a pleasing portrait of the King in the uniform of an Admiral of the Fleet set in a simple frame incorporating the name of the territory at the top and the inscription "Postage and Revenue" along the foot. The stamps are finely produced by the line engraved process in the London atelier of Waterlow and Sons, Limited, in sheets of 240 (disposed in four panes of 60), as regards the 1d. and 1d. values, and single panes of 60 for the remainder.

The paper is unwatermarked and the perforation gauges 14 (single line), the denominations and colours being as follows: 1d. blue-green, 1d. scarlet, 1d. brown, 4d. orange, 6d. grey-black, 8d. emerald-green, 9d. Prussian blue, 10d. purple, 1s. blue-green and black, 1s. 6d. orange-yellow and black, 2s. sepia and black, and 5s. blue-green and ultramarine. On the bi-coloured stamps the royal portrait is slightly condensed, the left-hand epaulette being shaded off.

SOUTH CHINA THREAT WORRIES HANKOW

Danger Of Complete Isolation

Hankow, Dec. 21. Hankow is buzzing with excitement at the prospect of hostilities in South China. It is pointed out that Hankow would be completely cut off all ways if the Japanese occupy Canton and disrupt the train and air services between Hong Kong and Hankow, as well as the newly-inaugurated Chungking-Hong Kong air service.

At present it is possible to reach the outside world by rail via Chencho and Hanchow (Honan) as well as by Tientsin and Tsingtao, but the advent of hostilities in Shantung undoubtedly would disrupt that route.

Though the air service to Hong Kong is still functioning, it is widely reported that the service will be stopped shortly. Air raid whistles and sirens, sounded here for the first time for nearly two months at noon yesterday, when Japanese planes were reported to be heading for Hankow. The usual tense activity was witnessed, civilians flocking into the special administrative areas to take refuge in the godowns and danger-proof shelters, including dug-outs recently constructed along the water front.

RUSSIAN PLANES ACTIVE

Nine fighting planes, which appeared to be Russian, were in the air waiting for the visitors. They sounded powerful, and were fast and displayed excellent manoeuvring powers. No Japanese raiders appeared and the all-clear signal was given at 1.30 p.m.

The alarm was later explained by a report from Kuikiang stating that 19 Japanese planes appeared about 1.30 and dropped 41 bombs. The objective of the raid appeared to be the aerodrome and railway station, which it was stated, were slightly damaged. The raiders subsequently disappeared in the direction of Nanchang where they dropped 30 bombs on the railway station, a cotton mill and the aerodrome near-by.

PROVISIONAL GOVERNMENT REPUDIATED

Chungking, Dec. 21. The Chinese National Government made a statement to-day, repudiating the so-called "Provisional Government" in Peiping set up by the Japanese.

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HONG KONG'S DESTITUTE CHILDREN

Bringing Cheer To The Less Fortunate

Mrs. D. McAvoy made a moving appeal on behalf of Hong Kong's under-privileged children at the Christmas season in an address before the Rotary Club yesterday which was Ladies' Day at the club and was extremely well attended.

The President, Major R. P. Walker, was in the chair. Mrs. McAvoy in her appeal said:—

One hopes that the Spirit of Christmas brings out what is best in all of us. Beyond all other Festivals Christmas is the one most closely associated with children.

I want to tell you something about the children in this colony, who are living in less happy and fortunate circumstances than those whom you will see in your own homes or in the homes of your friends.

This time of the year all of us look back with happy memories to those early days when the great excitement was the arrival of Santa Claus and the season meant hilarious gatherings round the Christmas Tree.

The most serious among us seize this annual opportunity to throw off their anxieties and enjoy themselves as they did when they were carefree children.

But to be completely happy at Christmas one must do something to make others happy.

The Society for the Protection of Children consists of Hong Kong men and women, who, each year, place funds at the disposal of their Executive Committee, which thus acts as a channel between the children and members of the community who are unwilling that the deplorable state of affairs revealed each year by our reports, should be taken as a matter of course and that no effort should be made to cope with it.

I can solemnly assure you that the funds entrusted to the Society are very carefully spent, and, though poverty is the enemy, they are only spent where children are involved.

I will tell you of a case which was referred to the Executive Committee in November this year.

HELP REFUSED

A father appealed for help on the grounds that his monthly wage, which was less than \$2 per head, in family, and, so well within our poverty line, was inadequate for his family of seven.

Yet help was refused, as the children, on examination, proved to be healthy, adequately fed and at least decently clothed.

The Society believes in concentration of effort and, whatever its members may think individually of them, the readjustment of the Colony's wage scales does not fall within the already sufficiently onerous task it has set itself.

BRIGHT SPOTS

In this gloomy year there have been a few bright little spots. I may mention first the opening in July of the creche in Clarence Terrace, the generous gift of Mr. Li Po Chun, who has also been good enough to find \$100 towards its upkeep.

The creche is run, in connection with our western centre, by the Canadian Sisters of Our Lady of the Angels, and the Society has assumed liability for all expenses (Continued on Page 10)

MEDICAL RELIEF DINNER DANCE

Over 800 Attend Hong Kong Hotel Function

Organised with the object of raising funds for the succour of wounded soldiers and civilians in China, the dinner dance held in the Grill Room of the Hong Kong Hotel last night under the auspices of the Chinese Youths' Medical Relief Association was a very successful affair, there being an attendance of over 800.

In the course of the evening, entertainment was provided by Miss Butterfield Wu, the Tavares Sisters, Mrs. Sylvia Choy, Miss Delle Ellis, Miss Violet Tre Lohlan, Master Bobby Chan, Miss Ellen Ford, Mr. Li Chor-chi, Mr. Ma Sze-tseng, Mr. George Lee, Miss Tam Lan-hing and Mr. Wan Tse-chung's Band.

Among those present were the Hon. Mr. T. N. Chau, General Chiang Kee-yau, Prof. W. I. Gerard, Mr. Li Tse-fong, Mr. Sit Kok-sin, Major V. E. Duclos, Mr. G. W. Sewell, Mr. Kwok Hin-wang, Mr. Fung Ping-fan, Mr. Percy Chen and Mr. Luke Yung Cheong. Miss Helen Yu, Miss Arline Lee, Miss Jean Ma, Miss Bella Ma, Miss Priscilla Ho, Mrs. Edythe Lee, Miss Marjorie To, Mr. Harold Lee, Mr. H. K. Lee, Mr. Johnston Wong, Mr. Lo Wing-kit and Mr. E. Wong Tape with parties.

The results of the raffle are: 1st prize, R.C.A. 8 tube radio, Ticket No. 4275; 2nd prize, R.C.A. 5 tube radio, No. 1678; 3rd prize, electric heater, No. 3451; 4th prize, Kodak camera, No. 3533; 5th prize, R.A.C. gramophone, No. 3400; other prizes, Nos. 449, 4042, 6069; Special prize, Bathing shed at Stanley, No. 983.

WHEN G.B.S. WAS DULL

Mr. Bernard Shaw's reputation as a conversationalist receives something of a jolt from Mr. Wyndham Lewis, the artist and philosopher, in his autobiography, which appeared recently:—

"I went with Mr. and Mrs. Shaw to the opera, but I cannot for the life of me recall a single sentence for which Mr. Shaw was accountable. We undoubtedly conversed. We must have done so. Perhaps he was not well."

Mr. Wyndham Lewis, who should not be confused with the humorist of the same name, gives his book the title of "Blasting and Bombardiering." This is a reference to the fact that the "Vorticist" leader in pre-war social London became an artillery officer during the war.

MR. O. A. KALUZHNY

The many patrons of the Hong Kong Hotel will be delighted to learn that Mr. O. A. Kaluzhny, more popularly known as Alex, assistant manager of the Hong Kong Hotel, has returned from leave in time to look after the Christmas and New Year crowd at the Grill Room and Roof Garden with his usual courtesy and efficiency. Mr. Kaluzhny was incidentally one of the passengers on the ill-fated Dollar liner President Hoover but he is looking none the worse for his trying experience which he describes as "well worth while having!"

NATIVES AND THE USE OF THE KNIFE

Speaking at the Free State United Party Congress at Bloemfontein, Gen. Smuts, Minister of Justice, said he had taken the unprecedented step of instructing Public Prosecutors and Attorneys-General to ask the Courts of Law to pass more severe sentences than hitherto on natives using knives to settle disputes. The position was serious, largely due to the influx of natives to mines and towns, where they acquired habits foreign to their tribal customs of orderliness and obedience. He had issued a regulation prohibiting the sale of knives longer than 24in. and long knives could no longer be owned by natives.

Gen. Smuts's statement was greeted with applause.

Divorce Judge Peeps Through Keyhole

Deciding a petition in the Divorce Court, in which a wife asked for a judicial separation on the ground of cruelty, the President, Sir Boyd Merriman, revealed that, to test some conflicting evidence in the case, he had had a bedroom door from the house in which the parties had lived brought to the court.

"I had the door put in the approximate distance from the door in my room," he said.

"Regarding a desk as the bed, I looked through the keyhole myself and I am satisfied it was possible for the maid to look through it and see the struggle about which she has given evidence."

The wife was granted a judicial separation.

Threat Of War Causes Exodus From Tsingtao

Curfew Advanced; Shops Closed; Looters Shot; Foreigners Leave

Tsingtao, Dec. 21. The Chinese populace has been streaming from the city in all directions since Sunday, carrying meagre belongings and using all forms of vehicles including even perambulators. Following receipt of messages from the U.S. State Department, the American Consul is advising U.S. nationals to evacuate, and many are doing so, but there is hitherto no noticeable movement by Britons. Foreigners here at present comprise approximately 300 Americans, 300 British, several hundred Russians and 150 Germans.

The majority of shops are closed, and it is difficult to purchase food. Meanwhile, looting started yesterday morning and continued spasmodically all the day long, because of which the

curfew was readvanced to 6 p.m. last night, and measures are being taken by the Municipal authorities to quell looters, many of whom have been summarily executed. Reuter's correspondent visiting the back streets saw looters' corpses exposed to public view as a warning to others.

Japanese planes roar overhead time after time, some flying extremely low so that the populace are able to see their bomb racks. It is noticed that all the visitors are hydroplanes.

The burning of Japanese cotton mills was thoroughly accomplished, and all are practically demolished. The boom in the harbour entrance seems to be most effective and believed able to prevent the would-be raiders from coming in close to shore.—Reuter

U.S. DOMESTIC SILVER PRICE

Roosevelt's Statement Awaited

London, Dec. 21. President Roosevelt's eagerly awaited statement regarding the United States domestic silver price is now thought by market circles will be made on December 30 instead of December 23. Apart from the paramount question of the maintenance of 45 cents per ounce for foreign silver President Roosevelt may indicate whether he is prepared to renew the expiring agreements with Mexico and other American producers under which the United States will absorb the bulk of their production. In this connection the market considers significant the recent talk between the Mexican Finance Minister and Mr. Henry Morgenthau.

It is realised that the discontinuance of the Mexican agreement would be disastrous for silver which effect President Roosevelt is hardly likely to bring about in view of the consequent drop in the value of American holdings. On the contrary the United States Government may use the expiry of the agreement as a bargaining weapon to induce Mexico to adopt a more reasonable attitude to foreign oil producers. A feeling of uncertainty is reflected in some Mexican bear sales last week.

PRESENT NERVOUSNESS
The present nervousness is caused by the realisation that the recent price will not hold for long but the upward adjustment indicates that the market on the whole takes a more optimistic view of the situation. It is pointed out the technical position has much improved the bull interest which is now estimated at only 3,000,000 ounces bigger than near as compared with 30,000,000 previously; also the bull position is held in very strong hands whereas bear consists of numerous small continental and other sales. Some bears are now being covered but should President Franklin Roosevelt decide to renew the agreements and pay 45 cents foreign there will probably be a rush on bear covering with an ensuing sharp rise in price though the advance is limited by the fact that Mexican silver will be offered in London when the price is over 20d. per ounce.—Reuter.

SITUATION IS TENSE

Hankow, Dec. 21. The situation in Tsingtao is tense according to reports received here. Commenting on the burning of the Japanese mills in Tsingtao the Chinese authorities here emphasise that while Admiral Shen Hung Lih, mayor of Tsingtao, undertook to protect Japanese property, he declared he would not be able to do so if Shantung was attacked by the Japanese. The Mayor also made it known that the Chinese authorities might consider the destruction of certain property "necessary in connection with the defence of Tsingtao."—Reuter.

ROUSING SEND-OFF

Shanghai, Dec. 21. Vice-Admiral L.G.E. Crabbe took off by plane for Hong Kong at 8.35 a.m. Despite the early hour, at 7 a.m. a number of residents turned out to see him off from the hulk where he took a

MR. R. G. HOWE EXPRESSES APPRECIATION

TO U.S. NAVY

London, Dec. 21. In reply to a message expressing the warmest appreciation of the prompt and gallant aid rendered by British warships to the survivors of the United States warship Panay in the Yangtze, the British Charge d'Affaires in China, Mr. R. G. Howe, has sent to the United States Ambassador the following message:—"I am greatly touched by your message of appreciation of the assistance which the



Mr. R. G. Howe, British Charge d'Affaires in China, who is at present in Shanghai with other members of the British Embassy Staff.

Royal Navy was able, in a spirit of comradeship, to render in connection with the attack on the United States Panay and her convoy. I hope you will allow me to offer to you personally and ask you to convey to your Staff of the United States Navy and fellow countrymen on the Yangtze, an expression of my deep personal sympathy in this tragic occurrence and of my warm admiration of the fine qualities displayed by public servants and private citizens of the United States at a time of great danger."—British Wireless.

PANAY INCIDENT

Japan's Reply To Protest Expected Shortly

Tokyo, Dec. 21. Pointing out that the Panay and Ladybird incidents differ widely in gravity and, furthermore, that the underlying political atmosphere vis-a-vis Great Britain and the United States must be taken into account, authoritative naval circles state that formal replies to the British and American protests will be presented in a day or two and possibly accompanied by further apologies if Japan's responsibility is unquestionable.

Navy circles denounce reports that Britain and America are sending warships to the Far East as unbelievable and foolish and a Japanese diplomat declares that the Japanese-American storm will blow over and be forgotten in a couple of days much to the disappointment of certain countries who had hoped otherwise.—Reuter.

CHINGSHIH AND SZECHIAKIAO RECAPTURED

Hangchow, Dec. 21. Both Ching-shan-shih on the Nanking-Hangchow highway north of Hangchow and Szechiakiao about 8 kilometres from Ching-shan-shih were recaptured by the Chinese forces in a counter attack yesterday, according to a military dispatch from Wukang.

After a whole day's fierce fighting in the suburbs of Ching-shan-shih, the Chinese forces drove back the Japanese and recovered the town. Pushing further on, they defeated the retreating Japanese in another encounter at Szechiakiao and recovered this strategic point too toward evening, the dispatch asserted.

During the engagements the Chinese forces, the report stated, damaged five Japanese trucks and two tanks and inflicted heavy casualties upon the enemy.

With the reputation of the Japanese, cannon firing is no longer audible at Wukang.—Central News.

NO RECOGNITION FOR PUPPET CHINA REGIME

JAPAN HAS MISREAD THE FACTS, SAYS AMERICAN PRESS

New York, Dec. 21. The "New York Times" in an editorial states "there is no reason whatever to believe that foreign nations will extend to the puppet government southward of the Great Wall of China, recognition which they deliberately withheld from the puppet government of Manchukuo or that they will sanction loans to the new 'Independent' China States. Certainly our case is that Japan has been badly misreading the facts of the situation if she believes for one moment that American opinion would permit any action on the part of our banks and commercial interests which would help to fasten Japan's hold on property stolen from the Chinese people."—Reuter.

CHINESE CUSTOMS

London, Dec. 20. Questions regarding the administration of the Chinese Customs were asked in the House of Commons to-day, when Mr. Noel Baker (Lab.) enquired if it might be assumed that the British Government did not intend to recognise the assumption by Japanese authorities or by alleged Chinese authorities of the rights belonging to the legitimate Chinese Government.

Mr. Anthony Eden (Foreign Secretary) in reply said: "I should prefer to see that on the Paper, but I think the answer is Yes."

JAPAN'S NEW POLICY IN CHINA

NO OFFICIAL ANNOUNCEMENT

Tokyo, Dec. 21. No official announcement is available regarding the new Government policy to China but semi-officially it is recalled that the Premier, Prince Konoye, in a recent statement referred to the "new administration in China which the Japanese Government would possibly be compelled to recognise as the Central Government of China if it becomes stabilised and strong," while both Government and military leaders, including the Premier, War Minister, and General Matsui have repeatedly made statements that Japan will continue her drive against the Chinese National Government and troops unless and until they reconsider anti-Japanese policy and enter into co-operation with Japan.—Reuter.

REFUGEE TRAIN FROM WUCHANG

"Christmas Express" Coming Here

JAPANESE NOTIFIED OF JOURNEY

Hankow, Dec. 21. The Japanese authorities have been given the required 48 hours notice of the departure of the international refugee train already known as the "Christmas Express" which will leave Wuchang at 10 p.m. on Thursday for Hong Kong. Up to the present 120 Britons, 110 Americans, 40 Germans and some fifty French, Russian, Italian and other nationals have reserved passages.

The train which will consist of 14 coaches, should be visible from a great height as it bears the British, American, German and other national flags over the whole length and should present a most picturesque appearance.

LEAVING IN THE MORNING

It is now learned that the special refugee train will leave in the morning of Thursday. Notice of the date of departure was telegraphed to the Japanese authorities last night thus giving them the required 48 hours' notice as requested.—Reuter.

DEMONSTRATION WOULD HAVE LITTLE EFFECT

JAPAN ASKS BRITAIN TO TRUST HER

For Protection Of Interests In China

Tokyo, Dec. 21. Reports that Great Britain is contemplating reinforcing her Far Eastern fleet, and also the messages about Anglo-French co-operation, is being given great prominence in the Japanese papers. The fact that certain influential circles favour such a move, declares the "Miyako Shimbun," is given importance. "If the move were preparatory to an untoward incident such as a clash with Japanese forces the despatch of a small number of battleships would not mean much. If the object was to stage a demonstration it would not have much effect except to stimulate anti-British sentiment among the Japanese people. That Britain is still unable clearly to understand the situation does not become of a nation noted for its prudence and Britain appears to be at a loss whether to assist China in establishing a new friendly regime in Canton or to approach Japan at a sacrifice in support for China," says the paper.

Declaring that Japan positively will not permit the establishment or existence of such a regime in Canton the "Miyako Shimbun" declares that the only path for Britain is to trust Japan for the protection of British rights and interests in China.—Reuter.

BOOMS CUT OFF REFUGEES

Evacuation By Train Planned: Japanese Informed

Hankow, Dec. 21. The proposed dash to Shanghai of the B. and S. Woosung with 20 passengers was balked by the closing of the Kiangyin booms, and preparations are now being made to run another refugee train to Hong Kong. The date of the departure is not yet fixed, but it will probably be the coming week-end. It is learned that over 300 names are already registered for the trip. The Japanese have been informed of the proposed departure of the train and have replied that they will require 48 hours' notice of its departure.

H.M.S. Capetown which left here on Saturday with one man, 21 women and 23 children, arrived at Wuhu yesterday morning, and will resume her journey to-day.

It is possible there will not be sufficient water at the breach in the Kiangyin boom to allow the Capetown, which draws 17½ feet, to pass through. In this event the civilian passengers must be transferred to a smaller ship in order to complete the journey to Shanghai.

Should the Capetown be unable to pass the Kiangyin boom, she will be cut off, not only from Shanghai but also from Hankow by the new booms erected near the Kiangyin apertures which are now closed up.—Reuter.

COMING TO HONG KONG

Hankow, Dec. 21. The steamer Woosung, scheduled to leave to-morrow, has cancelled sailing owing to booms which have closed the Yangtsu River. Three hundred British and other women and children will now be evacuated to Hong Kong by train.—Reuter.

PEACE MOVEMENT DISAPPEARS

Shanghai, Dec. 21. The peace movement has entirely disappeared and has been replaced by a campaign for long term hostilities in Central and South China according to the Shanghai correspondent of the "Asahi Shimbun" who says that the peace atmosphere observed among Chinese just before the fall of Nanking has now entirely disappeared together with the peace movement afoot among Chinese refugees in Hong Kong as well as Chinese in the two provinces of Kiangsu and Chekiang.—Reuter.



Special Notice to Golfers

The "Belle" railcars will run between Kowloon and Shum Chun as follows:—

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Kowloon dep. 8.25 a.m. / Shum Chun arr. 9.02 a.m.
Shum Chun dep. 8.56 a.m. / Kowloon arr. 9.43 a.m.

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VAGUE FINDINGS END JAPANESE PANAY INQUIRY

Many Inconsistencies Strongly Disputed

Shanghai, Dec. 21. The Japanese inquiry findings in the Panay incident, announced by Major-General Harada, Japanese Military Attaché, indicate variance with the accounts given by the naval and civilian survivors of the bombing.

The findings were read by Major-General Harada to a press conference. The statement was vaguely worded, and the main conclusions were that three Japanese aeroplanes bombed the Panay, that the gunboat fired three gun shots at Japanese army units, and that the latter did not fire on the Panay.

Major-General Harada denied that Japanese army boats fired on the Panay, and asserted that the American warship was moving at the time of the attack.

The Panay officers reported that the gunboat was anchored two hours before the bombing. All points are strenuously queried by the correspondents aboard the Panay, who point out that the survivors contend there were first three, and then six machines concerned in the bombing, that the alleged firing of the Panay's guns was utterly incorrect, and that the Japanese army units hotly fired on the gunboat.

Another point in dispute is the Japanese assertion that the Panay was moving at the time of the attack. Major-General Harada emphasised that the Japanese commander of the troops involved "did not consider he was at fault." Major-General Harada is announcing the findings of the incident concerning H.M.S. Ladybird to-day.—Reuter.

FOG OVER LONDON

London, Dec. 21. London this morning was ringed by fog and most of the roads were icebound. Shipping in the Thames was blanketed by fog which extended to the west as far as Bristol and to the north in the vicinity of Glasgow.—Reuter.

U.S. WARSHIPS SAIL SUDDENLY

San Diego, Cal., Dec. 20. Nine American destroyers suddenly sailed to-night for San Pedro under orders on which naval officials said they were unable to comment. The crews, who were on holiday, were summoned from theatres and places of amusement and ordered to return to the ships. The warships were due to proceed on cruises to foreign ports early in the new year. High officials of the destroyer flotilla said that they did not know why the ships had suddenly been ordered out.—Reuter.

U.S. Fleet Message At San Diego Garbled

San Pedro, California, Dec. 21. No specific action is contemplated, stated a U.S. Fleet spokesman in connection with the transfer of nine destroyers which reportedly came as a surprise to the officers. Otherwise the Navy High Command has thrown a screen of silence around the transfer. Meanwhile a radio call from San Diego last night for the entire personnel of the aircraft and scouting force to report immediately for duty was later described by an official source as a "serious mistake" after the original call by one officer for a number of men to work overtime became garbled.

San Pedro is 120 miles north of San Diego. North Island is an air base in San Diego harbour.—Reuter.

UNKNOWN DESTINATION
Unofficial naval sources state that five aircraft scouting force squadrons were ordered to report at North Island to be prepared for a flight to an unknown destination. Three squadrons of heavy patrol planes are said to be included in this order.

Aircraft officials make no comment but naval men here believe the orders might be "monkey drill" in which officers test the speed of the Navy's mobilisation under holiday conditions.—Reuter.

COMPENSATION FOR PLUNDERING

London, Dec. 20. Asked whether the Japanese Government were responsible for plundering of foreign property by their soldiers when entering various towns, the Foreign Secretary, Mr. Anthony Eden, replied in Commons, "That is one of the items under which claims may be made."—British Wireless.

HONG KONG'S DESTITUTE CHILDREN

(Continued from Page 3.)

beyond those provided for. During the half-year that the creche has been working these amounted to \$790.

HOSPITAL AND CLINIC

Another bright spot was the completion of the hospital and clinic at Sam Shui Po run by the Chinese Sisters of the Precious Blood. The new building, which was opened in June, provides increased and improved accommodation for children, both as in-patients and out-patients.

The Society, which spent \$774 last year for medical supplies, has no part in the management of the Hospital, so, with an easy conscience, I can mention the splendid work done there by the Hospital Staff and the five medical officers.

The Society has been in existence since 1923 and in the present year some of our maintained children have passed out of our hands and, consequently, are no longer a charge upon our funds.

URGENT WORK

However, the chief, and certainly the most urgent part of the Society's work, is carried on at its three centres where the excellent work of the Inspectors is known to many of you. Here poor mothers bring their babies for advice and are given such necessities as milk, cod liver oil and orange juice.

But from the Inspectors' case reports we learn that the average income for this year was \$1.80 per head in family—a slightly better figure than last year's, which was \$1.73, which may possibly indicate a little increase in employment.

"OVER CHILDREN"

Remembering that more eloquent speakers than myself have represented to you the claims of these poor children on us all, I will not expatiate upon them, but we do not forget that they are our children and belong to a class which is useful and convenient to us.

But if, then, there is no need, in the present company, for me to stress the urgency of their claims upon our help, we should not be ungrateful that it is very much to the interests of the community as a whole that the miserable conditions under which the children exist should be at least mitigated.

DISEASE AND CRIME

Slum life breeds disease—and disease is no respecter of persons. Poverty breeds crime—the criminal may come from Yau-mat or Wai-sai, but often carries on his business operations elsewhere, as some of you may know to your cost. Yet why are these children likely to be disseminators of disease and why do some of them grow up to be what Americans call "public enemies"? Because they are victims of their environment and have had no opportunity to develop along normal healthy moral lines.

At Aberdeen Industrial School the other day, His Excellency reminded us that the juvenile offenders caught by the police, were, when they were born, no more criminally inclined than any others. They were the unfortunate product of their surroundings. Vice is an easier path than virtue.

LIVING UNDER SHADOW

It has often been said that it is a good thing, and I daresay it is a good thing, that the service for children here has been left largely to private effort. But if this state of things is to continue, it must be effective. I honestly believe that the work is efficient, but to be effective, the scale must be extended.

The Hong Kong Society for the Protection of Children does not exist to demonstrate how cheaply the public conscience can be appeased.

We are all, to-day, living under a shadow, even ourselves in this room. We have this year experienced death, disablement and disease. They are still at our door. We do not know what is going to happen.

THEIR ONLY HOPE

I have myself seen what is the normal lot of the poorest children of Hong Kong—children who are born under a shadow—who, in the best of times, are happy in being too young to wonder what is going to happen. It is their only happiness and too soon they lose it for ever. Even when things are at their brightest their only chance to escape death or disablement or disease is the work of charitable societies. And this very poorest, the most destitute, are those who have no claim on any other organisation, except the Hong Kong Society for the Protection of Children.

IN RETROSPECT Racing, Cricket And Rugger

(BY "THE CRITIC").

The second half of the 1937 racing season came to a very successful conclusion at the Valley last Saturday in fine weather. Dividends were surprisingly small in view of the large attendance, but the cash sweeps were quite satisfactory and the last race of the day made up to the fortunate backers of Firefly (\$129—odd for a win) for the small payments earlier on. S. C. Liang topped the list of jockeys with 25 wins for the season. Donald Black, who was on his trail up to this last meeting, was a good second. The Lau stable, with 13 wins, 17 seconds and 10 thirds, was way ahead of the rest. Congratulations to both jockey and stable.

"Faster than Pereira!" A contemporary carried this heading the other day above a write-up describing Sub-Lt. Kyrke. Naval cricketer, as "some yards faster than Pereira," acknowledged to have been one of the fastest bowlers ever to have played in the Colony. I have played against Sub-Lt. Kyrke more than once recently, and before ill-health compelled Frank Pereira's premature retirement from the game. I had the good fortune (or misfortune) to face him many times, and I have not the slightest hesitation in saying that at the fastest I have seen him bowl. Lt. Kyrke is a soothing medium-fast compared to the Singapore sportsman.

The Army seem to be having a pretty bad time in the Triangular Rugby Tournament. Both their opening games have been lost by huge margins and unless some vast improvement is made it would not be surprising if they set up some sort of "record" for this competition. They may have already done so, for in these two games 83 points have been scored against them, while they have secured only 14. From their last match it would appear that they do not so much lack good players as good combination. Their forward line, in particular, did not seem ever to really get going together; patches of individual brilliance there were, but these were not sustained and very often some fine work would lose its reward because of a perfect pass being lost by a player not being up. There is no doubt, however, that the Army's two heavy defeats were by teams very much superior. As has already been remarked upon in these columns, the Royal Navy have a side at present as good as any ever put out locally, and the Club XV are no slouches either.

A rather funny game was seen when South China "A" met the Police on the Club ground on Sunday in the first round of the Football Senior Shield. For fifty minutes the guardians of law and order had an equal share of the play despite all the Chinese attempts to break through. Then Lai Shui-wing, who has been playing some remarkably fine football of late, scored, and from then on it was all South China. Seldom has a defence cracked so badly as the Police back division did after one goal. The

Chinese piled on three more and another one or two might have been added. A really amazing side, South China. When Lee Wai-tong dropped out all sort of fearsome forecasts were made, but they have settled down to playing without him, and Fung King-cheung, Lai Shui-wing and the others have been displaying a brand of football that makes his absence less keenly felt than it might be.

Another "Bodyline" book is on the market. "Australian Windfall," by Mr. Egon Kisch, published by Secker and Warburg, reviews the subject from an unusual angle but readable through the book is, it is doubtful if any good purpose is served by raking up the controversy again. Particularly, references to the lately-lamented M.C.C. Australian tour of 1932-33, as made by the author seem to me to be unnecessary and even dangerous at this time of day. For instance, the reaction in Australia when the M.C.C. reply to the famous Australian Board of Control Protest Cable was received, as the writer saw it, whether true or not, would certainly be better forgotten. Here is an extract:—"When the answer came through, the Continent of Australia became a veritable volcano. . . . All right then, England can get her cricket opponents, along with her wool, from South Africa—we prefer even letting the wool sales go to having the lives of our heroes endangered any longer with the Marylebone Cricket Club adding its insults to injury. . . . One morning Sydney's statue of Albert the Good, husband of Queen Victoria, was found damaged. The culprit had painted on the base the one word 'Bodyline' and had hung a stone at the head of the Prince Consort."

And then the way the British Government was supposed to have stepped in:—"Imperial Britain, experienced in handling rebellions, found a way out. Bodyline was not forbidden by Cabinet decree, but it was suggested to the Marylebone Cricket Club that bodyline could no longer be played in international matches, and that Larwood and Voce, had better go sick. In order, however, that Australia should not imagine that she had obliged the captain of England, a Gentleman, to stand in the corner like a bad boy, enviously watching the game go on, Mr. Jardine's departure was otherwise accounted for. Reuter cabled that Mr. Jardine had been invited to hunt tigers in India and had therefore begged to be excused from playing against the Australians, and that the M.C.C. after lengthy consideration, had regretfully agreed that the skipper must have his holiday. The Australians chalked this up as a victory. In the Tests that followed bodyline has been buried, and the cricket contact between Marylebone and Melbourne has mellowed anew."

The last phrase is fortunately correct but the friendship between the two M.C.C.'s will not be improved if constant reminders are made of the "war" that once existed between them.

SCOTTISH CUP DRAW

London, Dec. 20.

The following is the draw of the first round of the Scottish Cup, which will be played on January 22:

Clyde v. Motherwell.
Raith R. v. Montrose.
Queen's Park v. Galston.
Falkirk v. Dalbeattie Star.
Cowdenbeath v. Brechin City.
Churnside v. Ross County.
Penikese v. King's Park.
Bo'ness v. Hamilton.
Kilmarnock v. Dumbarton.
Third Lanark v. Celtic.
Stranraer v. Partick.
Dunfermline v. St. Mirren.
Morton v. Peterhead.
St. Johnstone v. Arbroath.
Aberdeen v. Dundee.
Ayr U. v. East Stirling.
Dundee U. v. Hearts.
Stenmuir v. Babcock and Wilcox.
Queen O'S v. Leith.
Moorpark Amateurs v. Lambert Amateurs.
Edinburgh C. v. Hibernian.
Kilmarnock v. Blairgowrie.
Aberdeen v. Glasgow Rangers.
St. Bernard's v. Vale O'Leithen.
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NEW BRIGHTON WINS

London, Dec. 20.

The following was the result of

Sporting Fixtures

TO-DAY

Cricket.—Triangular Tournament, Army v. Navy (Club ground).
Hockey.—Seaforths v. Royal Corps of Signals (Chatham Road), 4 p.m.
Shooting.—N. R. A. Overseas Practice (Kowloon City ranges), 2 p.m.
Racing.—Entries close for the Macao Race Meeting.
Rugby.—Club "A" v. Royal Engineers (Clubground), 4.45 p.m.
Shooting.—Hong Kong Rifle Association Weekly Spoon and Practice Shoot, Army Range, Kowloon City, 2 p.m.

TO-MORROW

Cricket.—Triangular Tournament, Army v. Navy (Club-ground).
Football.—Army Football League Final, "A" Coy. Middlesex v. "A" Coy. Seaforths (Sookunpoo), 3 p.m.
Distribution of prizes.
Hockey.—Seaforths v. Police (Sookunpoo), 2.30 p.m.
Shooting.—N. R. A. Overseas Practice (Kowloon City ranges), 2 p.m.

An F.A. Cup second round replay: New Brighton 4 Crewe 1

HONG KONG RIFLE ASSOCIATION INTER-COLONIAL SMALL-BORE MATCH: COLONY DOES WELL

The results of the Inter-Colonial Small-Bore Match have, by the courtesy of Commander Sir Lionel Fletcher, C.B.E., R.N.R., Vice-Chairman of the Council of the Society of Miniature Rifle Club, been forwarded to the Hong Kong Rifle Association by Air Mail, arriving on Monday.

The fact that Hong Kong took ninth place out of seventeen teams came as a pleasant surprise, for the conditions of shooting required that the latter should take place before October 31, and as the small-bore section of the Rifle Association only came into being a few days before that date, it was only possible to get together a "scratch" team, the members of which had had no opportunity to practise, and moreover had no match rifles at their disposal.

As can, therefore, well be imagined, the members of this section are justifiably elated at the unexpectedly high position which the Colony has taken in this, the first match of its kind, held in Hong Kong.

A further cause for satisfaction is the relatively few points which separated the various teams, and as now that special "miniature" rifles have been ordered by various Rifle Clubs affiliated to the H.K.R.A., there seems to be every reason to believe that in 1938 Hong Kong will take a place which will put the Colony much nearer the head of the list, and possibly at the top of it.

The greatest credit is due to the Hon. Secretary of this Section,

who worked so hard to ensure that a team was secured, and to the range officials without whose active assistance participation in this competition would not have been possible.

Below are the results of the match, and also the individual scores made by members of the Colony's team:—

1. The Challenge Cup and Eight Silver Medals.	
Kenya R.A.	1576
2. Eight Bronze Medals.	
Fiji R.A.	1559
3. Jamaica R.A.	1556
4. Falkland Islands Defence Force	1554
5. Barbados R.A.	1552
6. Trinidad Local Forces	1550
7. Bermuda R.A.	1547
8. Gold Coast R.A.	1530
9. Hong Kong R.A.	1519
C.P.O. Fellow (R.N.) 99 97 196	
Cpl. E. T. Morris (R.M.)	97 98 195
Mr. C. Watson (D.R.C.) 98 97 195	
Sgt. C. R. Mannell (R.M.)	93 96 189
Cpl. R. Tonkings (R.E.) 94 94 183	
Capt. F. G. Ratcliffe (I.R.U.R.)	94 93 187
Sgt. A. J. Crossman (H.K.P.)	93 93 186
Sgt. G. J. Perkins (H.K.P.)	91 92 183
10. Nyassaland R.A.	1517
11. Ceylon R.A.	1505
12. Straits Settlements R.A.	1502
13. Bahamas Rifle Assn.	1345
14. Northern Rhodesia R.A.	1334

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An index number will be issued in time for publication on the 20th of each month, and as the course of these traffic receipts has always afforded a valuable indication of world trading and commercial activity, it is hoped that in addition to providing an indication of the Company's traffic for its stockholders, it will be found of value to observers of world economic conditions.

INDEX NUMBERS

These index numbers represent the estimated monthly receipts from traffic as related to comparable traffic in the year 1929. It should be noted that since 1929 the operation in various overseas areas has been taken over at different dates by the local associated companies, and the total figures for 1929 taken for purpose of comparison in establishing the index 100 have therefore been adjusted when necessary by the omission of the receipts accruing in the areas affected. The index numbers are, in consequence, all shown upon a comparable basis.

Monthly figures reduced to working day average.											
Working day average of comparable receipts, year 1929=100.											
	1930	1931	1932	1933	1934	1935	1936	1937			
January	86.0	78.3	73.4	69.9	71.8	73.2	71.2	85.8			
February	85.7	81.2	82.9	71.7	74.7	74.4	73.3	84.6			
March	94.5	79.6	77.8	70.4	72.8	76.2	76.0	90.6			
April	94.9	74.5	71.4	71.3	71.6	74.8	71.8	83.7			
May	86.2	68.8	67.7	70.7	73.1	72.5	67.6	78.6			
June	86.0	66.6	64.7	70.1	70.1	70.2	70.3	73.5			
July	80.8	64.7	63.2	67.5	68.9	68.7	70.3	73.4			
August	82.1	61.8	69.6	65.9	70.7	67.1	69.1	73.0			
September	81.4	73.0	71.4	67.9	70.3	75.5	70.7	72.5			
October	82.5	77.8	73.2	72.1	73.6	78.8	75.9	76.5			
November	80.4	79.0	73.0	71.8	71.3	72.7	80.5	72.5			
December	87.1	83.6	78.8	76.7	80.7	80.1	96.4				

PARKING TIME EXCEEDED

Two Europeans, Commander H. S. Nalder, R. U., and Mrs. W. A. Schaffenberg, were fined by Mr. R. A. D. Forrest in the traffic court at Central Magistracy yesterday on summonses for parking their cars in time-restricted parking spaces in the Central District. Commander Nalder admitted by letter that he had parked his car in Connaught Road between 12.59 and 3.10 p.m. on December 8, and was fined \$2. A similar penalty was imposed on Mrs. Schaffenberg, whose car was left in Pedder Street between 2.09 and 4.42 p.m. on December 9.

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*Castromediano's Faith
And Courage*

Before The Triumphs Of Garibaldi

By the Very Rev. C. A. ALINGTON,
D.D. Dean of Durham

In days when English affection for Italy is sometimes put to a severe strain, it is worth while to remind ourselves of the great men who won our sympathy for her less than a century ago; and I make no apology for telling the story of the Duke of Castromediano, a man whose character was as noble as his name.

Lord of seven baronies, with titles going back for nearly a thousand years, he was arrested on this day in 1848, having been foolish enough to believe that the word of the King of Naples could be trusted when he said that he meant his subjects to be free.

When, after being carried from prison to prison, he was at last brought to trial, he fell asleep while the judges were deliberating whether to impose the death sentence or not. On awaking he noticed that the young soldier on guard had been weeping. "Be calm," he said, "if to-morrow I am to mount the scaffold, you can tell the world that to-day you were present at the sleep of a good conscience."

The sentence was not for death, but, with many other patriots, he was led through the streets of Naples, chained to a common criminal, and banished to the island of Procida. It is characteristic of him that while starting in chains to serve a sentence of 30 years he still had eyes for the beauty of the glorious bay. "There still remains in my soul," he wrote, "the grateful memory of that summer night, delicious and fugitive." On Procida conditions were appalling. The common criminals were set to act as spies on the patriots; murder was common, sometimes because a man grew tired of the companion to whom he was everlastingly chained, sometimes because murderers were, on the whole, better treated and at least were free from chains. Castromediano found only happiness in looking through a slit in the prison wall at the seagulls and the fishermen and the sunshine, and in remembering that happiness and freedom still existed, though he might not share them.

"FORGOT" HIS UNJUST JUDGES

One day they were told of an amnesty, but this only resulted in their being removed to a prison in the mountains on the mainland, closed seven years before as unfit for habitation. They spent 38 hours in a dark cellar filled with rats in mid-winter, and their courage nearly failed, for, as the Duke says, "there are no born heroes." Another of his prison was the famous place where the guards shot the nightingale because they discovered that its singing gave pleasure to the prisoners.

At last, after 11 years, sentence for such as still survived was commuted to exile for life. Castromediano, whose hair had turned white, was to be shipped to America, but by a thrilling piece of piracy they captured the ship, and landed safe in Ireland. After Garibaldi's triumphs he returned to Italy: his property had been ruined during his captivity and he lived on in his great castle for 35 years, a poor man. When, in the hour of triumph, Garibaldi asked him for the names of his unjust judges, he replied "I have forgotten them."

When he died they placed on his coffin the chain of a galley slave, and the red jacket worn by Neapolitan convicts, the only decorations which he prized. He left behind him a record of his sufferings. "These pages," he wrote, "will hardly be read, if read at all; the wind will scatter them like dry leaves; but from them the young may learn, if they will, how a man ought to love his country." It was on such men as Castromediano that Italian greatness was built. —Daily Telegraph and Morning Post.

LORD ADDISON MARRIED

Lord Addison of Stallingborough, Britain's first Minister of Health and Minister of Agriculture in the Socialist Government in 1930 was married recently at St. Mark's Church, Regent's Park, N. W., to Miss Beatrice Dorothy Low, a worker in the Conservative cause.

RETIRED FROM THE WORLD

Strange Community

NEW KIND OF SOCIAL LIFE

In a forty-four acre field near the woods of this little ancient hamlet four families of English men and women, rejecting all modern civilisation and its methods, are attempting to build up a new kind of social life and a new way of making a living, which they hope will spread throughout the country.

Recently they were all thrown into the limelight they have tried to avoid by fighting with the other men of Laxton to preserve the ancient elm trees on the village green from destruction, writes a Home correspondent.

I went to see these people, writes Sydney Morrell, to talk to them, and to find out how they are getting on; whether they miss any of the comforts of modern life, or whether they liked to miss them.

Their little settlement, which they hope in time will be a new kind of village, with its houses and church, consists solely of the great fields, unploughed, at the four corners of which they have their homes—Army huts which they have brought from Woolwich and erected themselves.

In the first hut lives Mr. Dunstan Davidson, a twenty-four-year-old Londoner, his wife and their five-month-old baby daughter.

BOARING FIRE

'Round their great wide fireplace, with its pot hanging over a roaring log fire, I sat with Mr. Davidson and the other men of this community while they told me of the new life they hope to build up.

"Whatever you do," said Mr. Davidson, "don't let people think of us as faddists. We are not nudists, we are not trying to turn back history. We are trying to go forward."

"All of us were sick and tired of modern cities and modern villages. We believe that communal life to-day is decadent, because people are dying of lethargy. We know how many people in this country feel as we do from letters which they write to us."

"More than anything else we wanted—as thousands of people want—stability. We rejected entirely all the underlying ideas of industrial civilisation. We wanted to get away from the idea of just making things for profit."

"We wanted to get back to the idea of making things that we really want, but for use, not for profit."

"We are religious men, and we want to live our religion, and our religion shows us that there is a spiritual side as well as a material side to man. We wanted to be good men and women."

"We believe that modern civilisation has destroyed the art of living happily and has destroyed all culture. Where will you find architecture to equal that of the old cathedrals in Britain and on the Continent?"

THEIR AIM

"Where will you find men who can stain glass as they used to do, who can compose music or sculpt? Nowadays the importance of the cities has been exaggerated so that the countryside is striving to be the flower of the cities. Our aim

WOMEN'S DEBT TO PITMAN

"The vote may have been given to women by Miss Pankhurst, but Isaac Pitman gave a weekly pay-envelope to many of them."

This statement was made in a broadcast speech by Mr. I. J. Pitman, grandson of Sir Isaac, founder of the shorthand system, at Wotton under Edge, Gloucestershire.

His grandfather's original idea, he said, was to provide a cheaper shorthand than already in use, primarily for the school of which he was headmaster, as he believed that shorthand was an educational asset.

Mr. Pitman mentioned that the publisher refused the first system of Sir Isaac, based on that already existing, and advised him to produce his own.

He is 88 and Miss Low is in her thirties. Lord Addison, who was better known as Dr. Christopher Addison, received his title in the Coronation Honours List.

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AWARD TO OIL WORKERS RESENTED

Mexico City, Dec. 20.
A serious situation has followed the decision of increasing oil workers' wages and social conditions at a cost of about \$1,500,000 annually to foreign oil companies.

The companies have issued a statement complaining of a glaring denial of justice and refusing to accept responsibility for the consequences that may arise.

It is believed here that that statement may indicate a threat to suspend operations throughout Mexico.

IN THE MONEY

For the third time in the last four years, the Aga Khan has won the most money among owners during the flat racing season. His total "bag" was \$230,855, Sir John Bailey being second on the list with \$223,074, and Sir Victor Sassoon third with \$224,441. The leading trainer, Captain C. Boyd-Rochford, won \$21,212, nearly \$10,000 more than the horses trained by his nearest rival, Mr. J. Lawson.

BUYING SUCCESS

That sounds like big money, but when people see these figures they seldom consider what it costs to achieve them. I remember hear-

U.S. AND SHIPBUILDING COSTS

MARITIME COMMISSION'S COMPARISONS

Shipowners requested by the United States Maritime Commission to furnish foreign costs for the construction of vessels similar to those contemplated in the Commission's standard cargo ship design have been informed that three such vessels will be delivered from a Swedish shipyard early next year at a price of about \$500,000 (£100,000 at par) each.

Request for this data had been made by the Commission in connection with its development of a long-range replacement programme for the several subsidised lines in American foreign commerce, and it is upon this and other information from Government sources that the Commission plans to make its estimates of the differentials existing between American and foreign costs of shipbuilding.

As yet, no reliable estimates have been revealed as to the probable cost of vessels of the so-called C-2 type proposed by the Commission as a standard cargo liner, states the "New York Journal of Commerce." Preliminary suggestions, however, have been to the effect that the American cost of such vessels may run as high as \$200 (£40) per ton, or more than \$1,700,000 (£340,000) but the Commission believes that some construction of these vessels in large groups.

The vessels concerning which advice have been received from Sweden are being built for Norwegian owners at the Kockums Mekanska Verktags works at Gdansk, 55 ft. beam, with a designed load draft of 26 ft. 3 ins., with speed of 14. They are designed for a capacity of 542,000 cubic feet.

SUBSIDY CALCULATIONS

Similar dimensions for the C-2 ships are 433 ft. length, 63 ft. breadth and 23 ft. 9 ins. load draft. Cubic capacity for these ships would be 550,000 ft. The Swedish-built ships are about 9,000 tons deadweight, as compared with about 8,700 tons for the Commission's vessel.

Under the terms of the Ship Subsidy Act the Commission is authorized to grant construction differential subsidies up to 33 1/2 per cent of the cost of building vessels in American shipyards, and, in exceptional cases, this percentage may be increased to 50 per cent. Present indications appear to point to the probability of invoking this extra authority in the case of cargo vessels, although it had previously been found that the differential existing in passenger ship construction is somewhat less.

Although increased labour costs, scarcity of steel and future uncertainties have combined to advance construction costs for foreign vessels ordered more recently than those building at Malmö (continues the article), ships soon to enter service are looked upon as being an important factor, in arriving at a basis for estimating differentials for construction subsidy purposes.

These ships, and others completed abroad in recent years at like or lower prices, are those with which the ships contemplated by the Commission's programme will have to compete, and owners believe they will be at a substantial disadvantage if the Commission does not use their costs as the real basis for subsidy calculations. In the case of the United States Lines' vessel to replace the Leviathan, the Commission compared the American cost with that in the Netherlands. In making this calculation, it was understood, consideration was given to the Nieuw Amsterdam—a comparable vessel which was contracted for more than two years ago at a reputed price of about \$12,000,000 (£2,400,000).

The new United States liner will cost \$15,750,000 (£3,150,000) on a sliding scale basis permitting an increase in price up to 15 per cent. In the event of higher labour costs during the period of construction.

Meanwhile, it is understood that shipping companies to which the Commission's design was submitted for comment have instituted a group study of its characteristics, and may soon come forward with a critical report concerning many of its features. It is stated that several owners are inclined to the view that more attention has been paid to the naval auxiliary features of the design than to the commercial requirements of the various trades for which the ships are intended.

Three items are understood to stand out among the features criticised—the speed of the proposed vessels, the size of the cargo holds and the number of decks provided. The ships are designed for 15 knots, a speed which many owners say is not particularly economical nor is it competitive with that of many ships built in countries where 18 knots has become the new standard.

Due to efforts to create a vessel which will float with one of her bulkheads holed, the Commission's vessel would have 60 ft. holds, a size held by many to be too small for several types of cargo. And finally (concludes the article) a three-deck ship of this size is viewed by many as unnecessary.

WORLD TOUR BY BICYCLE

Londoners' Adventure In Mountains

Three young Londoners have passed through Jerusalem on a 12,000 miles cycle journey to Australia.

John Alger, William Barber and Leonard Cross have pedalled 3,300 miles since leaving London on July 1.

After the cross-Channel trip, they travelled through Belgium, Germany, Austria, Hungary, Yugoslavia, Bulgaria, Turkey, the Levant States and Syria.

Alger twisted his knee in the Taurus mountains in Turkey, delaying the party for a fortnight.

Then the trio had malaria and were detained in Aleppo for six weeks.

The cyclists are going on to India and Singapore, where they will sail for Australia.

Each set out with £40, and has a considerable balance left.

MANY NAZI SUICIDES

More Women In Year's List

The number of suicides in Germany is still at an exceptionally high figure.

According to official statistics they numbered 18,422 in 1935, a decrease of only 379 compared with the previous year—and the number of women killing themselves increased by 78 to 5544.

It will be recalled that Herr Hitler shortly after he assumed power declared that the large number of suicides in Germany was due to the Versailles Treaty.

The number of suicides in 1913 was 15,564.

The number of executions in 1935 was 86, as against 152 in 1934—the latter figure apparently including persons executed in the June "purge."

The strain of life is reflected in the deaths from heart trouble, which increased by 14,746 to 129,267. Deaths from cancer were also 4405 higher at 102,122. Accidental deaths claimed 27,400 victims, as against 24,870 in 1935.

Divorces in 1936 increased by 553 to 50,337, while the number of illegitimate births was 2984 higher at 104,800. At the same time the total number of births declined by 85,123 to 1,110,136.

RE-ENTER THE RICKSHAW

The restrictions imposed by the military authorities upon the running of rickshaws in Japan in order that supplies of petrol may be conserved for war purposes are providing a "come-back" for the once-popular rickshaw.

That picturesque vehicle, the delight of foreign visitors, had almost disappeared from the streets of the cities, forced into retirement by the speedier and cheaper taxi, but now that the use of petrol for private purposes is prohibited after midnight the comparatively few rickshaws still in service are finding some profitable employment after the petrol "curfew hour" has struck.

Many others, which were lying about in odd places, forlorn and almost forgotten, are being refurbished and put into commission as going concerns, for if the war which is to "bring peace to China" goes on much longer petrol will become still more scarce and so will taxis.

Hopes of snatching a profit, however, may be rudely dashed if the military, in their demands for more man-power, should rope in the rickshaw-runners, whose nimbleness and stamina ought to make them very eligible soldiers.

It is estimated by one authority that it cost a minimum of £450 a year to keep one horse in training, writes a Home correspondent. That is the basic cost. Over and above that are the losses which are inevitable in the building-up of a good stable. The Aga Khan, for instance, once bought a yearling for 17,000 guineas—and subsequently sold it for less than £20. In fact, I doubt whether there is very much of a profit represented in any of the figures quoted above.

THE CANADIAN BALANCE OF PAYMENTS

The estimates of the Balance of Payments of the Dominion of Canada for 1936 reveal a credit balance in respect of current visible and invisible items for the sixth successive year, the figure for 1936 being \$323.6 million. This balance was offset by an outflow of capital, the net amount involved, arising from capital transactions that could actually be traced, being \$253.7 million, thus leaving a margin unaccounted for of \$69.9 million. During 1935 and 1936, Canadians have made considerable progress in reducing their external bonded indebtedness not only through the redemption of maturing obligations, but also through calling certain issues before maturity. In many cases, refunding issues were taken up in Canada at lower rates of interest. Of the outward capital movement in 1936, \$85 million, against \$120 million in the preceding year, was in respect of the calling for redemption of Canadian bonds held abroad; \$145 million was expended in the payment of maturing bonds, and serial and sinking fund payments aggregated \$40 million. In addition, net capital remittances of \$74.2 million were made in connection with international branch undertakings, whilst insurance transactions involved payments totalling \$28 million. Of the inflow of capital, \$106.1 million arose from borrowings externally through bond notations, \$7.8 million resulted from the sale of securities, and withdrawals of funds from abroad by Canadian banks totalled \$2.6 million.

According to a study of the Canadian Balance of International Payments made by the Dominion Bureau of Statistics at Ottawa, the Canadian Governments and corporations received a total of \$1,978.6 million from the sale of bonds abroad during the ten years 1927 to 1936. In the same period, however, they repaid bonded obligations amounting to \$1,801.9 million, the net receipts from these borrowings abroad, therefore, being only \$176.7 million. At the same time, large sums were remitted from Canada for the purchase of American, Latin American and other foreign securities, for the repurchase of Canadian securities and in connection with capital repayments and other financial transactions of trust companies, branch undertakings abroad, etc. During the ten years, Canada was, on balance, a net exporter of capital to the known extent of \$130.8 million, the export arising principally through the retirement of existing capital obligations of various kinds.

Adjusted figures of commodity trade for the ten years showed a credit balance of \$882.4 million, Canada being an important world producer of the metal. The extent of the inward tourist traffic is revealed by the fact that net receipts from that source reached \$1,221.3 million. Interest and dividend payments exceeded receipts by \$2,400.4 million, freight charges resulted in a net payment of \$237.3 million and there was a debit balance in respect of immigrant remittances of \$127.3 million.

The sum of the credit items on current account in the balance of payments for the ten years amounted to \$13,423.2 million, against total debits of \$13,213.9 million.

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NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.

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CONSIGNEES per Co.'s Vessel
"ADRASTUS"

FROM NEW YORK VIA MANILA

are hereby notified that their Cargo will be discharged into Hol's Wharf, Kowloon, where it will be subject to Consignee's risk and subject to Terms and Conditions of Storage at Hol's Wharf. The Cargo will be ready for Delivery from Godown on and after 5th Dec.

Optional Cargo will not be landed here, unless Notice has been given prior to Vessel's arrival, but carried on from port to port to the final port of call to which the option extends.

All broken, chafed, and damaged Goods are to be left in the Godowns, where they will be examined on any Tuesdays and Fridays between the hours of 10.45 a.m. and Noon within the Free Storage period. No claims must be presented after the Goods have left the Vessel's Godown, and all Goods remaining undelivered after the 27th Dec., will be subject to Rent.

All claims against the Vessel must be presented to the Underwriter on or before the 10th Jan. or they will not be recognized. No Insurance will be effected. BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE, Agents.

20th December, 1937. [3886]

RICKMERS LINE

NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.

THE S.S. "R. C. CRICKMERS"

having arrived from Hamburg and Ports of call, Consignees of Cargo are hereby notified that their goods are being landed and placed at their risk into the Hong Kong & Kowloon Wharf & Godown Company's godowns at Kowloon, where delivery may be obtained as soon as the goods are landed.

Optional cargo will not be landed here, unless notice has been given 48 hours prior to vessel's arrival, but carried on from port to port to the final port of call to which the option extends.

No claims will be admitted after the Goods have left the Godowns, and all goods remaining undelivered after the 7th Dec., 1937, will be subject to rent. All broken, chafed, and damaged Goods are to be left in the Godowns, where they will be examined on any Tuesdays and Fridays between the hours of 10.45 a.m. and Noon within the Free Storage period. No claims must be presented after the Goods have left the Vessel's Godown, and all Goods remaining undelivered after the 7th Dec., 1937, will be subject to rent.

To comply with the General Bonded Warehouse Regulations consignees must have a Revenue Officer in attendance when damaged or doubtful goods are examined.

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Hong Kong, 20th Dec., 1937. [3884]

STEAMERS SOLD

Two shelter deck cargo steamers building by Messrs William Hamilton and Co., Port-Glasgow, have changed hands. One, which will be delivered in January-February, 1938, has been sold to Messrs. Rethymnis and Kulkundis, Ltd., and the other which is expected will be ready in February-March, 1938, to the Lancashire Shipping Co. (Messrs. James Chambers and Co. managing owners), of Liverpool.

Both these steamers are being built to the Arcform design of Sir Joseph Isherwood, Bart., and are to be fitted with propelling machinery by Messrs. David Rowan and Co., Ltd., of Glasgow. The price is stated to be about £110,000 each.

ENGLAND'S SMALLEST INN SOLD

The Smiths Arms, Godmanstone, reputed to be the smallest inn in Great Britain, was sold by auction at Dorchester for £800. Most of the village, which has only about 100 inhabitants was also disposed of.

The inn, built of mud and flints nearly 400 years ago, stands off the Dorchester-Sherborne road. The bar measures only 15 feet by 11.

The manor house fetched £2,500, and many of the villagers bought their cottages at prices ranging from £70 to £100.

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Adriatic (B. & S.), British steamer, Capt. J. F. Webster, 4,948 tons, arrived Dec. 19 from Manila, general cargo. Berthing at Holt's Wharf.

Blackheath (Thoresen & Co.), British steamer, Captain Reid, 2,702 tons, arrived on September 9 from Portland. Lying at North Point.

Chak Sang (J. M. & Co.), British str., Captain L. McRoe, 1,470 tons, arrived on December 19 from Swatow. Cleared December 21 for Canton.

Changtu (Butterfield & Swire), British str., Captain B. C. Finch, 1,338 tons, arrived on December 7 from Saigon. Lying at Stonecutters.

City of Singapore (Bank Line), British str., Captain Withins, 4,161 tons, arrived on December 15 from Manila. Cleared December 21 for Chinwangtao.

Cleveland (Thoresen & Co.), American steamer, Capt. E. Jackson, 3,737 tons, arrived Dec. 18 from Longview Ore. Lying at North Point.

Corfu (P. & O. S.N. Co.), British str., left Singapore on Dec. 18, and is due here on Dec. 22 at about 4 p.m.

Delong Maru (N. Y. K.), Japanese str., Captain H. Kagehima, 4,373 tons, arrived December 18 from Singapore. Lying at Kowloon Dock.

Dioned (Butterfield & Swire), British str., Capt. H. D. Blamey, 4,354 tons, arrived Dec. 14 from Singapore. Berthing at Holt's Wharf.

Elax (A. P. C.), British str., Captain C. W. Turner, 3,377 tons, arrived on Dec. 18 from Taiwan, fuel oil, etc. Lying at North Point.

Emmy (J. M. & Co.), Greek str., Captain J. Michalitsanos, 2,474 tons, Lying at Kowloon Dock.

Empress of Asia (C. P. S.), British steamer, Capt. G. Good, 8,883 tons, left Yokohama on Dec. 18 at 3 p.m., is due at Vancouver on Dec. 27 at 2 p.m., leaves Vancouver on January 5 at 11 a.m., and is due at Hong Kong on Jan. 27 (Thursday) at a.m.

Empress of Canada (C.P.S.), British str., Capt. W. T. Kinley, 12,311 tons, is due at Hong Kong on Dec. 22 at 7 p.m., from Manila, and will berth at Kowloon Wharf. She will leave here for Victoria and Vancouver, B.C., via Kobe, Yokohama and Honolulu on Dec. 24 at 5 p.m.

Empress of Japan (C.P.S.), British str., Captain L. Douglas, 15,735 tons, arrived at Vancouver on Dec. 14 at 2/4 p.m., and leaves Vancouver on Dec. 25 at 11 a.m. She is due at Hong Kong on January 14 at a.m. and leaves for Manila on the same day in the evening.

Empress of Russia (C. P. S.), British str., Capt. T. F. Patrick, 9,899 tons, left Vancouver for Hong Kong via Japan ports on Dec. 11 at a.m. She is due here on December 22 (Wednesday) at a.m. and will proceed to Kowloon Dock for annual overhaul after discharge of cargo.

Eng Lee (Yee Tai Hong), Chinese steamer, Captain T. Mearl, 865 tons, Lying at Tai Koo Dock.

Feng Lee (Yee Tai Hong), Chinese str., Captain Y. Kabyashi, 1,359 tons, Lying at Kowloon Dock.

Founder (East Asiatic Co.), Italian str., Captain B. C. Finch, 2,341 tons, arrived Dec. 17 from Bangkok, general cargo. Cleared December 21 for Hong Kong.

Foo Shing (J. M. & Co.), British steamer, Captain Walter, 1,423 tons, arrived on November 14 from Saigon. Mooring at buoy No. 83.

Gertrude (Mærsk (Jensen & Co.), Danish str., Captain A. Jørgensen, 3,155 tons, Lying at Tai Koo Dock.

Gustav Diederichsen (Jensen & Co.), Danish str., Captain R. Nielsen, 1,353 tons, arrived December 18 from Saigon. Cleared on the same day for Shanghai.

Hai Shang (Doddwell & Co.), Chinese steamer, Captain P. Book, 2,074 tons, Lying at Stonecutters.

Hai Yu (Doddwell & Co.), Chinese str., Capt. V. Andreassen, 1,988 tons, Lying at Stonecutters.

Helios (Thoresen & Co.), Norwegian str., Captain A. Møllum, 1,113 tons, arrived on December 19 from Swatow. Mooring at buoy No. 88.

Hermes (Thoresen & Co.), Norwegian str., Captain S. B. Ellisen, 840 tons, arrived on December 18 from Bangkok. Mooring at buoy No. 88.

Java (East Asiatic Co.), Danish steamer, Capt. Skjoldum, 5,225 tons, arrived on November 13 from Kobe. Mooring at buoy No. A4.

Jeyvora (P. & O. S.N. Co.), British str., left Moji on Dec. 17, and is due here on Dec. 22 at about 6 a.m.

Kaipoi (Williamson & Co.), British str., Capt. T. B. Robertson, 1,246 tons, arrived December 16 from Samarinda. Cleared December 20 for Canton.

Kalgan (Butterfield & Swire), British str., Captain D. D. Richards, 1,350 tons, arrived Hong Kong Dec. 19 from Bangkok via Swatow, general cargo. Mooring at buoy No. B15.

Kaying (Butterfield & Swire), British str., Capt. E. H. Histed, 1,572 tons, arrived on December 14 from Canton. Lying at Tai Koo Dock.

Kitano Maru (N.Y.K.), Japanese str., Capt. K. Fukuda, 4,928 tons, arrived Dec. 15 from Manila, general cargo. Mooring at buoy No. A7.

Kunghow (Butterfield & Swire), British str., Capt. A. Taylor, 1,545 tons, arrived on December 20 from Canton. Cleared December 21 for Hoibow.

Lee Sang (J. M. & Co.), British str., Captain C. M. Carter, 273 tons, arrived Dec. 21 from Swatow, general cargo. Mooring at buoy No. 84.

Liangchow (Butterfield & Swire), British steamer, Capt. O. Fox, 1,230 tons, arrived Dec. 19 from Hong Kong, coal. Cleared Dec. 20 for Shanghai.

Luchow (B. & S.), British str., Capt. E. Johnson, 1,231 tons, arrived here Dec. 21 from Swatow, general cargo. Mooring at buoy No. B16.

Mabella (Thoresen & Co.), Norwegian str., Captain Thorenfeldt, 840 tons, arrived on December 18 from Bangkok. Mooring at buoy No. B10.

Manion (Butterfield & Swire), British steamer, is expected to arrive here from Singapore on Dec. 24 at 8 a.m.

Norviken (J. M. & Co.), Norwegian str., Captain P. Wexholm, 1,779 tons, arrived Hong Kong December 19 from Swatow, general cargo.

Paula (A. P. C.), Dutch steamer, Captain A. J. Moerman, 1,319 tons, arrived on November 18 from Amoy. Lying at Lai Chi Kok.

Produce (Texas & Co.), Norwegian steamer, Capt. H. Bar, 743 tons, arrived on November 14 from Macao. Lying at Stonecutters.

Promiss (K. Larsen & Co.), Norwegian str., Capt. Holveth, 727 tons, arrived here December 21 from Hong Kong. Lying at Stonecutters.

Provis (Wing Fung Cheung), Norwegian str., Captain A. Huges, 1,025 tons, arrived December 21 from Saigon. Lying at Stonecutters.

Queen Adelaide (Doddwell & Co.), British str., Captain C. H. Redford, 2,937 tons, arrived Dec. 20 from San Pedro. Lying at Junk Bay.

R. C. Rickmers (Jensen & Co.), German str., Captain Rappach, 3,182 tons, arrived on December 19 from Manila. Lying at Stonecutters.

Rosalie Moller (M.B.K.), British str., Capt. W. G. Dray, 2,457 tons, arrived on Dec. 15 from India, cargo-coal. Cleared December 20 for Hong Kong.

SHIPPING
MOVEMENTS

R.M.S. EMPRESS OF CANADA

The R.M.S. Empress of Canada (Canadian Pacific S.S. Limited) is due here at 7 a.m. on Dec. 22 from Manila, and will berth at Kowloon Wharf. She will sail for Victoria and Vancouver, B.C., via Kobe, Yokohama and Honolulu at 5 p.m. on Dec. 24 (Friday).

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S.S. SIRDHANA

The B.I. and Apcar Line's s.s. Sirdhana left Singapore for this port on December 18, and is due here on December 22.

S.S. CORFU

The P. and O. S.N. Co.'s s.s. Corfu, left Singapore on Dec. 18 and is due here on December 22 at about 4 p.m.

S.S. JEYPORE

The P. and O. S.N. Co.'s s.s. Jeyvora left Moji on Dec. 17, and is due here on December 22 at about 6 a.m.

Sandviken (J. M. & Co.), British str., Capt. P. Heesch, 1,775 tons, arrived Dec. 17 from Singapore, gen. cargo. Mooring at buoy No. B37.

Seistan (Douglas & Co.), British str., Capt. R. C. Creer, 1,371 tons, arrived Dec. 18 from Campha, coal. Berthing at H.K. Electric Wharf.

Shun Chih (Wo Fat Sing), British steamer, Capt. W. Lee, 1,173 tons, arrived on December 15 from Swatow. Mooring at buoy No. C1.

Silverwalnut (Furness's), British str., Capt. J. Smith, 3,639 tons, arrived Dec. 14 from New York via Manila, gen. cargo. Berthing at Kowloon Wharf.

Sinkiang (Butterfield & Swire), British str., Captain Gamble, 1,613 tons, arrived December 21 from Haiphong. Mooring at buoy No. B20.

Sirdhana (M. M. & Co.), British str., left Singapore on Dec. 16, and is due here on Dec. 22.

Soochow (Butterfield & Swire), British str., Capt. J. H. Hodgkiss, 1,504 tons, arrived December 18 from Canton. Cleared December 21 for Amoy.

Szechuen (Butterfield & Swire), British str., Captain J. Atkins, 1,594 tons, arrived Dec. 19 from Amoy, gen. cargo. Mooring at buoy No. B21.

Taiyuan (Butterfield & Swire), British str., Captain J. K. Clark, 2,100 tons, arrived Dec. 19 from Amoy, gen. cargo. Cleared December 21 for Canton.

Talamba (M. M. & Co.), British str., Captain D. R. C. Sinclair, 3,844 tons, Lying at Tai Koo Dock.

Trava (Mellers & Co.), German str., is expected to arrive here on January 13, and will probably sail for Europe on the same day.

Turbo (A. P. C.), British steamer, Capt. J. Randall, 2,879 tons, arrived December 17 from Balikpapan, fuel oil. Lying at Kowloon Bay.

Unita (Doddwell & Co.), Norwegian str., Capt. H. Kramo, 2,345 tons, Lying at Lai Chi Kok.

Vardana (A. P. C.), Norwegian steamer, Capt. F. Larsen, 1,893 tons, Lying at North Point.

Wing Wo (Ta Fung & Co.), Portuguese str., Capt. L. de Lemos, 495 tons, arrived Dec. 18 from K. C. Wan. Berthing at Saikong Wharf.

CLEARANCES

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 21.

Taiyuan for Canton.
City of Singapore for Chinwangtao.
Chak Sang for Canton.
Founder for Hong Kong.
Soochow for Amoy.
Kunghow for Hoibow.

MONDAY, DECEMBER 20.

Liangchow for Shanghai.
Rosalie Moller for Hong Kong.
Kaipoi for Canton.

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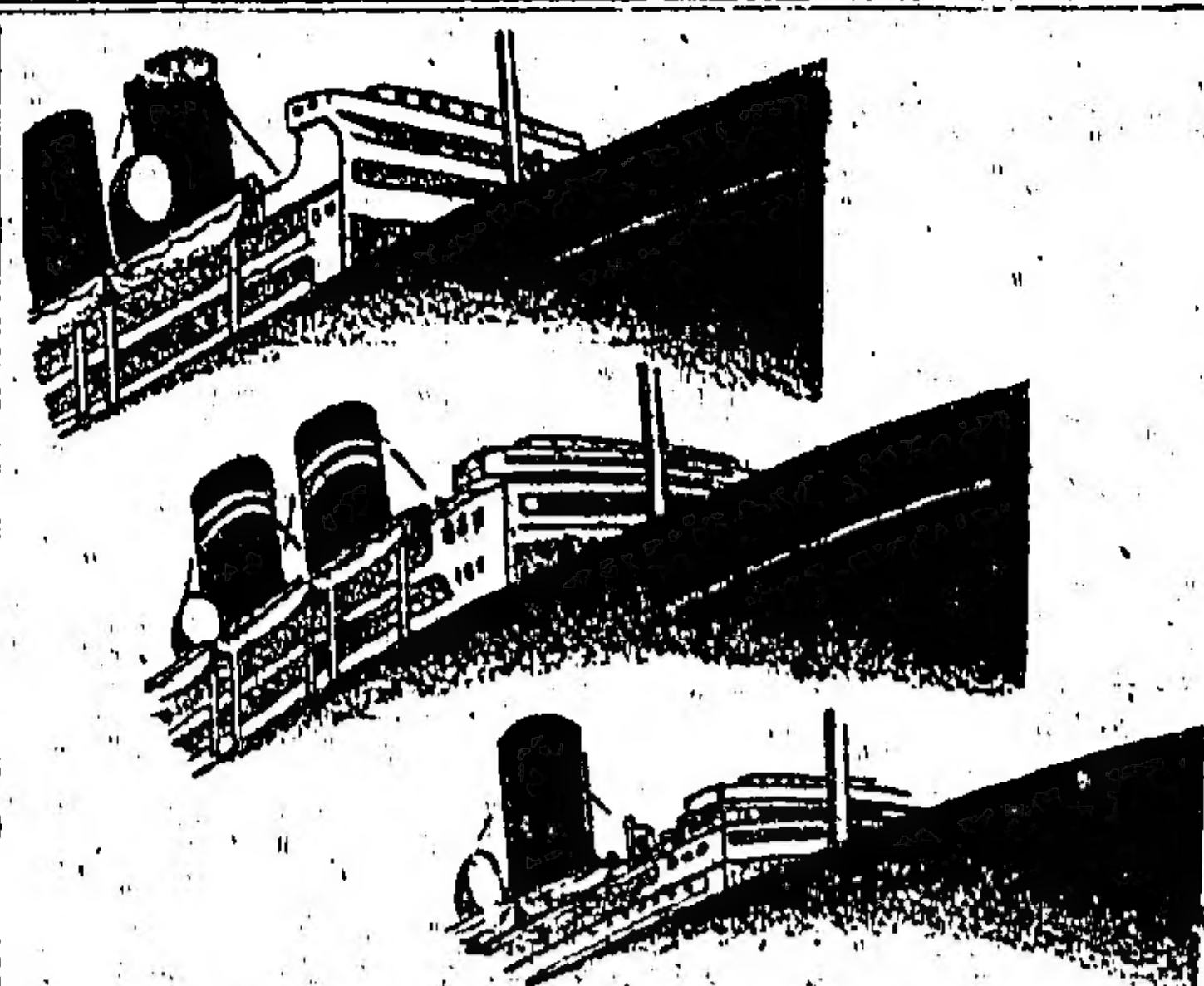
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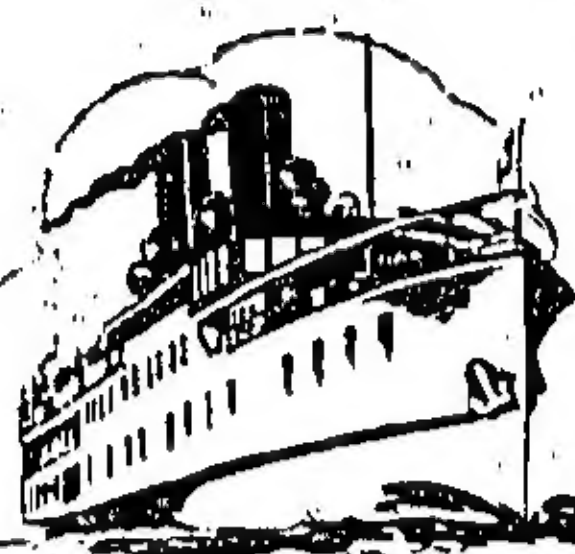
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	Trans	Singapore, Malacca, Colombo	Jan. 4
Manila	Scholarship	Manila	Dec. 25
Japan	Feldman	Yokohama, Kobe	Jan. 4
North China & Japan	Feldman	Dairen, Tsingtau	Jan. 12
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TRAGEDY OF CHINA'S WAR REFUGEES

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nurse, six sub-nurses, and two bandage nurses. In all the above work both for refugees and wounded soldiers there were hundreds of voluntary workers, some receiving nothing and others receiving only their food and board.

PAST WORK UNDONE

During the latter two weeks of my stay I was engaged in moving Chinese and foreign refugees to places of safety, principally Mokanshan. How could one foresee that the Bank of China in Chekiang would be closed by November 20 and the Mokanshan branch be unable to give out money, and cash cheques could not be sent by mail? All the past work was undone. Through the kindness of the governor and the mayor a bus and a truck with two ambulances from the G.M.S. hospital were furnished to bring down twenty foreign refugees from Mokanshan to the Hangchow city station.

From there a special train was arranged to forward these refugees together with others from Hangchow and Zaoshing to the Daoning River. Well after mid-night this party, with about 100 pieces of baggage were ferried over to the other side and took train to Ningpo. Since the boom had just recently been opened at Chinghai, they were able to proceed on the S.S. "Temblen" to Shanghai.

What ordinarily would require four and a half hours of travel in this case required five days!

TRAGIC SIGHT

During my two weeks of constant travel in my car I saw thousands of refugees, many with all their possessions carried on the two ends of one pole resting on the shoulder of father, son or widowed mother. Many of them had food enough only for a few days and then must either freeze or starve to death. Hangchow became a city of the dead, practically four hundred thousand had left the city and the daily expectancy of possible death settled upon the remaining few. Shops were closed, food was hard to get.

At last when panic came the refugee centres and the hospitals for wounded soldiers closed, and the military turned over about one thousand of their most desperate cases to the C.M.S. hospital. In that great city of over half a million the only medical workers, doctors, nurses, attendants, foreign and Chinese that remained steadfast were the staff members of that hospital, in a property easily inflammable in a crowded district yet more easily inflammable.

SELFLESS SERVICE

But all expected to stay by their wounded even in the midst of bombing unless fire or explosion actually drove them away. Hath any man greater love than this?

Then there is one missionary in charge of the college property long since vacated. For him there are no happy prospects since it is reported, that some of the University buildings at Soochow have also been bombed. A.C.I.M. missionary is also present with the one in charge to give whatever help he can. Two other missionaries are using their compounds as refugee centres when the emergency comes. There are other workers remaining at their posts in a city which is in daily expectation of bombing. Nor do they need to be reminded by the official representatives of any government that they stay at their own risk!

The picture I have drawn is characteristic of all the war areas of China. The Chinese are willing to help, but the needs are beyond their resources. For several months to come, perhaps into the late Spring and Summer of next year there will be an overwhelming need for further aid from outside sources, especially from the Christian Churches of the West.

TSINGTAO PROPERTY

Japanese Seeking Protection

Tokyo, Dec. 21.

Representatives of the 17,000 Japanese residents who evacuated Tsingtao in early September had a conference yesterday regarding the destruction of Japanese property in Tsingtao and afterwards visited the Foreign Office, War Office and the Admiralty urging the Government to take prompt measures for protecting Japanese property still left in Tsingtao and other parts of Shanghai.

Spindles in Japanese cotton mills in Tsingtao which were destroyed by the Chinese total 757,000.

Difficult Year Reviewed

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hundreds of human lives. Fortunately the destruction on shore was not so serious as was at first feared, though "it was serious enough," repairs to Government property alone costing over six lakhs of dollars.

"The influx of refugees from Kwangtung and Shanghai, coinciding as it did with the cholera epidemic, increased the difficulties of the public health authorities. It is estimated that at one time there were between one and two hundred thousand extra persons to house and feed in the Colony. Many of them have now returned to their homes but are liable to take refuge here again at any moment.

EXTRA WORK

"It needs little imagination to see that these events caused a tremendous amount of extra work upon the staff of the Sanitary and Medical Departments and I take this opportunity to thank all those concerned, from the highest official to the humblest cooler, for the way in which they rose to the occasion.

"Turning from set-backs to improvements I have to remind you that the new Wanchai Market was opened on April 1 and is the finest market my friend the Hon. Director of Public Works has yet produced for us. Towards the end of August the new Kennedy Town Wholesale Market was ready for occupation and most of the stallholders in the Central Market were installed in it or in temporary accommodation in the South Block of the Western Market. This left the way clear for the demolition of the Central Market and by this time next year I trust we shall have a very good idea as to what our new Central Market will be like. Still another new market was opened on December 1, this being a small market at Stanley.

NO FOOD SHORTAGE

"While on the subject of markets I may say that in spite of the Sino-Japanese hostilities and many extra mouths to feed during the last few months, at no time has there been any real shortage of food. Prices of foodstuffs have risen somewhat, which was perhaps inevitable, but when sources of supply were temporarily or permanently dislocated the dealers themselves, without any Government assistance, found ways and means of overcoming their difficulties. It is my opinion that in this respect we have so far been extremely fortunate. If in the near future hostilities are actively extended to South China and if Hong Kong's communications with Kwangtung are interrupted, we may experience a serious shortage of such things as fresh vegetables. It would not be right, therefore, to view our future prospects too optimistically."

SELECT COMMITTEE

The regular business of the meeting consisted of the appointment of a Select Committee to deal with matters arising in connection with factories and workshops, and a minute was read by the Chairman regarding the Constitution of this Committee, which is as follows:—Hon. Mr. R. A. C. North, Mr. W. N. Thomas, Mr. Dr. S. N. Chau, Mr. L. C. F. Bellamy and Mr. R. R. Todd (Chairman).

Applications for licences for an eating house and milkshop were refused.

A letter was read from the Government relative to the appointment of Mr. J. Watson to act as Secretary to the Council in place of Mr. W. G. Harrison.

The following were present at the meeting in addition to the Chairman:—Hon. Dr. D. J. Valentine, Hon. Mr. R. M. Henderson, Dr. R. A. de Castro Basio, Mr. L. C. F. Bellamy, Mr. A. el Arculli, Dr. S. N. Chau, Mr. W. N. Thomas, Mr. Mr. B. Wong Tapé, Mr. C. Champkin, Mr. Tang Shiu-kin, Mr. J. Watson (Secretary) and Mr. Im Ping-tseung (Assistant Secretary).

A formal remand of seven days was granted by Mr. K. Keen at the Kowloon Magistracy yesterday in the case in which a 73-year-old woman, Leung Tai-ho was charged with the unlawful possession of a dangerous drug.

The opinion is gaining strength among the Association of Japanese Cotton Spinners, whose operation was suspended in Japan Proper, will eventually be removed to Tsingtao to replace the destroyed ones.—Reuter.

PANTOMIME A GREAT SUCCESS

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The popular screen cartoon character, Popeye the Sailor, was ably portrayed by Willie Forsyth, whose antics and frolics caused much amusement. Bob Henderson delighted as Friday, the servant of the hero.

"A Raft at Sea," a scene depicting Robinson Crusoe drifting in the sea, was skillfully executed. The lighting effects were outstanding.

The work of the chorus was of a high standard and special mention must be made of the juveniles who appeared as Sea Nymphs and Popeye's children.

The orchestration was under the able direction of Bandmaster W. H. A. Every of H.M.S. "Eagle" by kind permission of Captain Clement Moody, R.N.

The leading characters were taken by the following:—Sheila Mackinlay, Margaret McAlpine, Bob Henderson, Anne Organ, Willie Forsyth, Leonard Starbuck, Tim Mackinlay, Ernest Moses, Harry Close, Alfred Freen, Ernest Moses, Stella Best, Anne Organ, Winnie Henderson, Kathleen Luckin, Peggy Eccleshall, Joan Lakeman, Peggy Scotcher.

ANGLO-AMERICAN TRADE AGREEMENT NEGOTIATIONS

London, Dec. 21.

The Board of Trade are engaged in consultations with representative bodies of manufacturers, industrialists and others in this country preliminary to the opening of formal negotiations for the Anglo-American Trade Agreement. Negotiations will begin early in the new year when a delegation consisting of officials of the departments mainly concerned will visit Washington to assist the British Ambassador, Sir Ronald Lindsay, who will be the chief British representative.—British Wireless Service.

NO FRIVOLITY!

Hankow, Dec. 21.

Generalissimo Chiang Kai-shek has ordered the most drastic punishment for Government officials found indulging in gambling, dancing or in the company of sing song girls.

Gendarmes are stationed in cabarets and any officials found dancing are to be reported and shot. Meanwhile all Government officers without special work here have been ordered to leave Hankow immediately. Foreign office officials will be going to Chungking in two batches, the first on Thursday and the second on Monday, but Wang Chung-hui and the Vice-Minister Hun Mo will be remaining in Hankow temporarily.—Reuter.

WEATHER REPORT

HONG KONG ROYAL OBSERVATORY

10 a.m., Dec. 21.
Barometer (at sea level), 30.15 ins.
Temperature, 62° F.
Humidity, 74 per cent.
Wind Direction, North.
Wind Force (Beaufort), 3.
Temperature: maximum yesterday, 66° F.
Temperature: minimum last night, 53° F.
Rainfall for 24 hours, ending 10th day, nil.
Total rainfall since January 1, 92.49 ins.
Against an average of 84.78 ins.
Sunset to-night, 5.44 p.m.
Sunrise to-morrow, 6.59 a.m.
4 p.m., Dec. 21.
Barometer (at sea level), 30.05.
Temperature, 62° F. Humidity, 74.
Wind Direction, East. Wind Force (Beaufort), 3. Maximum temperature, 65. Minimum temperature, 58.
Rainfall, nil.

HONG KONG TIDE TABLE

From December 22, to 28, 1937.

	High Water	Low Water
Days of Month	Hong Kong Standard Time	Hong Kong Standard Time
Wed 22	13.48	06.44
Thurs 23	14.23	07.29
Fri 24	15.27	08.29
Sat 25	16.37	09.15
Sun 26	17.18	09.55
Mon 27	17.08	10.39
Tues 28	17.17	11.19

FOREIGN MAILS

CHRISTMAS HOLIDAYS

On Saturday the 25th December, the General Post Office and Kowloon Central Post Office will be open from 9 a.m. to 11 a.m. The Sheungwan Branch Post Office will be open from 9 a.m. to 10 a.m. and also from 7 p.m. to 8 p.m. and the other Branch Post Offices will be entirely closed. There will be one collection from the pillar boxes, one delivery of ordinary correspondence as on Sundays and one delivery of registered correspondence at 11 a.m.

On Monday the 27th December the General Post Office, Kowloon Central Post Office and other Branch Post Offices will be closed, but postage stamps may be obtained at the back counter of the G. P. O. from 8 a.m. to noon. There will be one collection from the pillar boxes as on Sundays. Ordinary correspondence will be sent out for delivery at 11.30 a.m. and 4.00 p.m. Registered correspondence at 4.00 p.m. only.

The Money Order Office will be entirely closed during the Holidays.

HONG KONG RADIO TELEGRAPH SERVICE

XLT Telegrams conveying Christmas and New Year Greetings will be accepted by the Radio Office for transmission via Radio during the period from 14th December, 1937 to 6th January 1938, both dates inclusive.

(a) The charge for telegrams to places in China will be based on ONE FOURTH of the ordinary rate and to other places on ONE THIRD of the ordinary rate.
(b) The minimum charge for all places will be for ten words. Further particulars may be obtained on application at the Radio Office.

Air Mail Service to Shanghai is temporarily suspended.

Christmas and New Year cards bearing not more than five written words and enclosed in open envelopes are accepted by the Post Office at the rate for printed matter, i.e. 5 cents per 2 ounces, for all countries. Hongkong, China and Macao at 2 cents per 2 ounces. Envelopes must not be closed.

Letters and Postcards for Europe and South America are forwarded "via Siberia" if so superscribed.

INWARD MAILS

From	Per	Days
JAPAN	Jeypora ...	22nd Dec.
SHANGHAI and SWATOW	Kingman ...	22nd Dec.
MANILA	Emp. of Canada	22nd Dec.
STRAITS and EUROPE via SUEZ (Letters and Papers) London, 3rd Nov. and London Parcel—London date, 18th November	Cornu ...	22nd Dec.
STRAITS and HONGKONG	Munim ...	23rd Dec.
CALCUTTA and STRAITS	Birkhana ...	23rd Dec.
STRAITS, MALA and London Parcel (London date, 11th November)	Mennon ...	24th Dec.
JAPAN and SHANGHAI	Es-pira ...	24th Dec.
STRAITS	Bardua ...	24th Dec.
JAPAN	D'Arnyon ...	24th Dec.
CALCUTTA and STRAITS	Aldia, Mara	24th Dec.
HAIPHONG	Sungang	24th Dec.
STRAITS	G. G. Paul Downer	25th Dec.
JAPAN	Ontis Verde	25th Dec.
SHANGHAI and SWATOW	Desolation	25th Dec.
JAPAN and SHANGHAI	hantung	25th Dec.
HONGKONG and SWATOW	Schornhorst	25th Dec.
Air Mail by "Pan-American Airways Direct Service"—San Francisco date, 15th December	Yingchow	26th Dec.
STRAITS	Pan-American Airways Plane	26th Dec.
JAPAN	Imperial	26th Dec.
STRAITS	Imperial	26th Dec.
JAPAN	Rakyo Maru	27th Dec.
STRAITS	Titan	27th Dec.
JAPAN and SHANGHAI	Agapenor	27th Dec.
STRAITS	Athos II	27th Dec.
	Ormea	27th Dec.

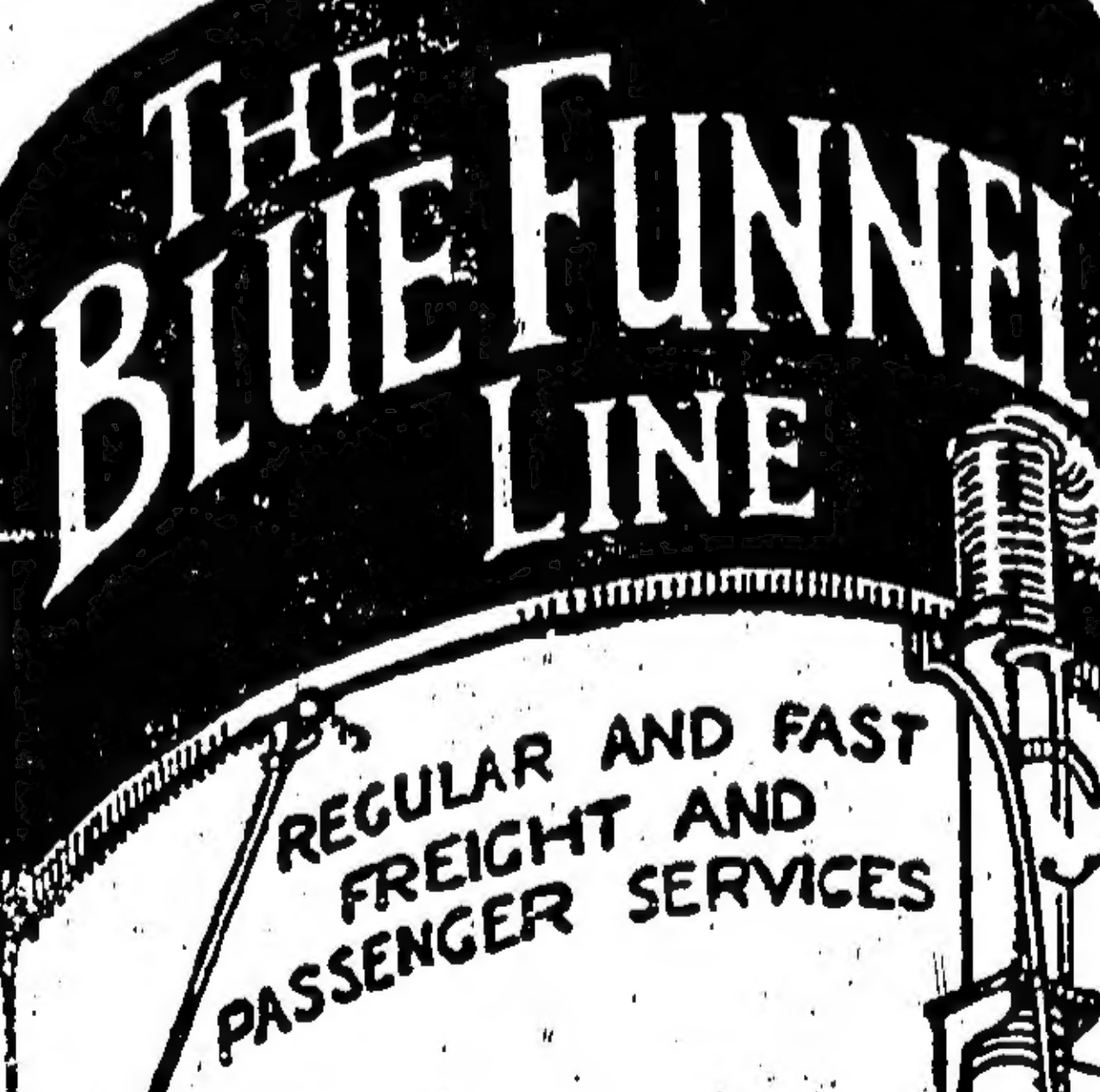
OUTWARD MAILS

REGISTERED AND PARCEL MAILS are closed 15 minutes earlier than the time given below unless otherwise stated, and where mails are advertised to close at or before 9 a.m., registered and parcel mails are closed at 8 p.m. on the previous day.

For	Per	DATE AND TIME
WEDNESDAY		Wednesday 22nd
Samshai and Wuchow	Kowloon	8.15 AM
Swatow	Haitow	8.30 AM
Air Mail for North China and Nanking (via Hankow) by the "Eurasia Airways Service" (To further points by surface transport as Services permit).	Eurasia Plane	Reg. 9.00 AM Ord. 9.30 AM
Kongmoon and (Pakhoi via Kongmoon)	Fook On	9.01 AM
Hankow via Swatow	Haitow	10.30 AM
Shanghai	Kowloon	2.30 PM
Swatow	Leasing	4.30 PM
*Straits and Calcutta	Yuanwang	5.00 PM
STRAITS	Van Heuts	5.00 PM
THURSDAY		Thursday 23rd
Manila	Silverwalnut	8.30 AM
Bangkok via Swatow	Kalyan	8.30 AM
Swatow	Amoy and Foochow	2.30 PM
Shanghai	Shanghai	2.30 PM
Air Mail for Wuchow, Kwelin, Kweiyang and Chungking by the "C.N.A.C. Airways Direct Service"	C.N.A.C. Plane	Reg. 2.45 AM Ord. 2.45 AM
FRIDAY		Frid. 24th
Air Mail for North China, Sian & Nanking (via Hankow) by the "Eurasia Airways Service" (To further points by surface transport as Services permit).	Eurasia Plane	Reg. 9.00 AM Ord. 9.30 AM
Kongmoon	On Lee	10.00 AM
Japan and *EUROPE via Siberia	Cornu	1.30 PM
Shanghai and Japan	D'Arnyon	1.30 PM
Japan, Honolulu, Canada, U.S.A. Central and South America and *EUR. IPE via Vancouver B.C. (Parcels for Canada only)—doo Vancouver B.C., 12th Jan., 1938	Emp. of Canada	Reg. 1.00 PM Ord. 2.00 PM
Haitow, Pakhoi and Haiphong	Kinzyuan	2.00 PM
Manila, Australia and New Zealand via Thursday Island—doo Thursday Island, 6th Jan., 1938	Aldia Mara	Reg. 5.00 PM Ord. 5.30 PM
SATURDAY		Saturday 24th
Straits, Ceylon, India, East and South Africa, Aden, Egypt and EUROPE via Marseilles—doo Marseilles 21st January 1938	Rampura	Reg. 2.45 AM Ord. 2.45 AM

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